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## NOT BLOODLESS CAPITULATION

**Danes Fought Until Ordered To Stop**

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A denial that the Danish Army surrendered without fighting was made by Princess Margaret of Denmark, who is at present in Paris.

One of the Jutland regiments fought a rearguard action, she says, and lost many men.

The order to stop resistance took several hours to reach some regiments which were standing up to an enemy superior in numbers.

Her nephew commanded the Palace Guard, which opened fire at the approaching Nazis.

**Danish Army Dismissed**  
COPENHAGEN, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—According to the official German news agency, the whole of the Danish Army has been dismissed except for the small detachments required for guard and patrol duty.

The training of officers and N.C.O.'s will continue.

## MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

**Gayda States Italian Attitude**

ROME, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Italy's Mediterranean policy is not a policy of domination but of collaboration with all the Powers, and primarily with the Mediterranean nations, writes Signor Gayda in the "Giornale d'Italia."

"The Mediterranean system which Italy has in mind must be based on the equilibrium of rights and national strength and on the international guarantees of freedom of movement and of exit.

"This system also implies collaboration between Italy and Islam in conformity with Italy's traditional and present policy both in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea," he concludes.

## \$964,000,000 For U.S. Warships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Bill appropriating \$964,000,000 for the United States Navy during the fiscal year beginning on July 1 was passed by the Senate to-day and sent back to the House of Representatives for action on minor amendments.

The measure includes funds for the laying down of two new battleships which may be as large as 50,000 tons each.

Eight other United States battleships are already in the course of construction.

## "QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE"

PAVIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that there has been a quiet day on the whole.

A diver identified the wreck of a German submarine which was attacked by one of our sloops a few weeks ago.

At that time the destruction of the submarine was not certain and the news was not officially announced by the French Admiralty.

## Labour Party To Be Non-Communist

SYDNEY, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. J. O. Lang, former Labour Premier of New South Wales, to-day formed a new "Anti-Communist Labour Party" to be styled "Non-Communist Labour Party." He has the support of eight States and "Federal" members of Parliament.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED,  
General Managers.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### G. R.

#### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	No. 4241	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4241, opposite Nathan Road, near the junction of the road to Ma Tau Kok.	As per sale plan.	About 5,960	\$ 72	\$17,920

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Goods not cleared by the 25th April, 1940, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA.  
Hongkong, 18th April, 1940.

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## BATTLE OF NARVIK

### The Germans Issue Their Version

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Berlin High Command have issued their version of the naval battle at Narvik, describing it as the "full story of the heroic fight of light German naval forces off Narvik."

This version states that German destroyers commanded by Commodore Bonte (who was subsequently reported to be killed) entered the West Fjord in darkness and most unfavourable weather.

On April 9 at the appointed time they were in position at Narvik. Two Norwegian armoured ships in harbour disobeyed the German order not to resist and opened fire against the Germans. They were sunk.

#### British Ships Sunk

Then under cover of the destroyers, German troops landed. Early on April 10, British cruisers and destroyers for the first time pushed forward against Narvik. The attack was repulsed after a fierce battle. Three British destroyers were sunk and another was badly damaged.

Two German destroyers were so seriously damaged that they had to be abandoned the following morning.

The German destroyers, which had to stay in harbour to refuel and for repairs, repulsed further British air attacks.

On April 13 British forces, which meanwhile had been heavily reinforced, started their main attack. The German ships accepted the struggle.

#### Then They Retreated

Not before the last shell had been fired did the German ships withdraw into an interior part of the Fjord.

Now the German ships concentrated on saving as much material and as many soldiers as possible for the defence of Narvik.

In order to cover the disembarkation of the German crews, one destroyer was placed across the narrow fjord and this, under heavy fire of the enemy, used the remainder of the ammunition to keep the enemy back.

The superior enemy forces, therefore, were unable to sink a single German ship so long as she had not fired the last round of ammunition," the communique stated.

## AIRCRAFT SCORES

### British Planes Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An official Admiralty communique states that in the course of the last two days highly successful operations have been carried out by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

On April 10 enemy shipping was attacked off Bergen and one transport was sunk. In addition a submarine on the surface was attacked and one hit was obtained.

#### Two Nazi Planes Downed

On April 17, our aircraft repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which were endeavouring to attack H. M. ships on their return from the bombardment of the Slaving Aerodrome.

One Heinkel and one Dornier flying boat were shot down while two more Heinkels and another Dornier were damaged.

All our aircraft returned safely. It is further notified that the cruiser announced yesterday as damaged by an air attack after the bombardment of the aerodrome has reached her base.

## Policing The Danube

### Decision Welcomed In London

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The decision of the International Commission to institute special precautions to control the traffic on the Danube has been well received here, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

It is important not only from an economic and maritime point of view but also because of political implications.

An important decision affecting the common interests of the States along the river was reached unanimously by the Hungarians, Rumanians, Yugoslavs and Bulgarians in defence of their rights in their own waters, and the determination to keep them free from the influence or actions of the belligerents.

The agreement is a distinct move to maintain peace in south-eastern Europe.

## SHIPPING LOSSES

### Only 1% Of Britain's Tonnage Affected

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Sir Arthur Salter, of the Ministry of Shipping, stated to-night that allowing for new construction, capture and purchase, Britain has well over 99 per cent as much tonnage as at the outbreak of war.

Our average monthly rate of loss up to now is 88,000 tons compared with 154,000 tons over the whole four years of the last war.

#### Heavy Nazi Losses

Losses to the German merchant navy by capture, sinking or scuttling have been three times as great as the British losses, and have amounted to one-tenth of the German total tonnage.

Danish vessels in Danish ports have fallen under German control, but the great bulk of Danish ships and almost all Norwegian ships are happily elsewhere and can continue upon their lawful occasions.

We are bound to take measures to prevent German orders being obeyed and Danish ships earning money for the Germans.

## REYNAUD'S TRIUMPH

### Cheered By All Sections Of French Senate

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The secret session of the Senate which began last Tuesday ended to-day.

It proved a great personal triumph for M. Paul Reynaud, the Premier, who spoke for an hour at the end of the debate and reviewed the entire military, political and diplomatic situation.

No vote was taken as the object of the debate was only to hear reports from the army, navy and air commissions of the Senate.

#### Storm Of Applause

However, prolonged applause from all sides of the House at the end of the Premier's speech indicated the Senators' sentiments.

A storm of applause greeted M. Reynaud's emphatic declaration that the Government intended to pursue its efforts to win the war in the closest co-operation with Parliament.

According to all signs, the development of the war situation and the Government's handling of it has enormously strengthened M. Reynaud's parliamentary position.

## THE LESSON OF NORWAY

### Invasion Is Warning To Other Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Commenting on the lesson which Norway has provided for the other neutrals, the "Manchester Guardian" says that we have been astonished at events in Norway, at the treachery of attack from within and at the easy seizure of important points because no one thought it necessary to protect them.

The "Manchester Guardian" also mentions an order which was purported to have come from the Norwegian Foreign Minister which caused the Norwegian fleet to land its crews, offer no resistance and throw away the strong defences of Oslo Fjord.

Just because the Norwegian expedition was sheer madness the Nazis were able to surprise us, says the "Manchester Guardian," and were able to land unopposed and to dig themselves in.

The paper admonishes the other neutrals to heed the warning.

## Y.M.C.A. Wind Up Hockey Season On Saturday

THE Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB'S season is coming to a close this Saturday with two intra-club matches on the "Y" ground, where tea will be served, if the weather permits, and photographs taken.

The first match will start at 3 o'clock, and will be between the "Y" Ladies (Clerk Clark Champions for the fourth successive year) and the Men's 2nd XI.

The second match will be between the Civilian and Service members of the 1st Team; Service members are asked to wear white shirts.

The teams are as follows:  
Civilians—Denwell, A. N. Other and Youllie; Kempton, McEllan and Brock; Smith, Colledge, Taylor, Gilchrist and Bates.

Services—Dove; Jordan and Tomlinson; Coombe, Pennington and Waldron; Highlands, Gemmell, White, Corser and Walls.

2nd XI—Millington; Killen and Grant; Freson, Smith and Jeffrey; Banks, Dormer, Stone, Greenberg and Bevan.

#### CABARET DANCE

Members and friends are reminded that the Club's end of season cabaret dance is being held in the Peninsula Hotel to-night, when the proceeds will go to the B.W.O.F.

Tickets—\$3.00 double and \$2.00 single—may be obtained at the door. Non-members are welcome.

## Appeal By The Soong Sisters

### Ask United States For Friendly Aid To China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In their first joint broadcast, the three Soong sisters, who are together in Chungking for the first time, to-day appealed to America for her continued friendly aid to China.

Madame Sun Yat-sen began the morning's programme, which was relayed to the United States. Her broadcast reached approximately four million listeners, it is estimated.

Madame Sun's appeal was followed by talks by Madame H. H. Kung and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

According to Chinese Press reports the three sisters left this morning for Chengtu to inspect industrial and co-operative organisations there.



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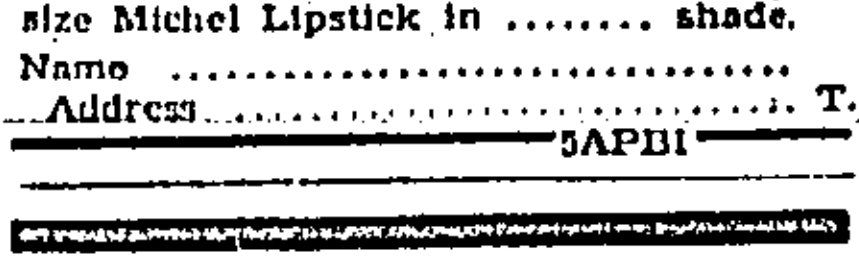
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The inclusive air mail postage rates for the "Air France" and "Pan American Airways" services, and the postage rates for surface transport are unchanged. A blue air mail label must be affixed to all air mail correspondence.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

## INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 10th April, Apr. 19.  
Direct Service—San Francisco date, 10th April, Apr. 19.  
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa Apr. 19.  
Canton Apr. 19.  
Japan and Formosa Apr. 19.  
Japan and Shanghai Apr. 19.  
Shanghai Apr. 19.  
Straits and Saigon Apr. 19.  
Formosa and Swatow Apr. 20.  
Japan and Shanghai Apr. 20.  
Shanghai Apr. 20.  
Salmon Apr. 20.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 15th April, Apr. 21.  
Bangkok and Saigon Apr. 21.  
Calcutta and Straits Apr. 21.  
Haliphong Apr. 21.  
Japan and Manila Apr. 21.  
Japan and Shanghai Apr. 21.  
Manila Apr. 21.  
Shanghai and Amoy Apr. 21.  
Sandakan Apr. 21.  
Shanghai Apr. 21.  
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters only)—London date, 24th February, Apr. 21.  
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd March), Apr. 21.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Apr. 19  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th May.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Reg., Apr. 19, 2.45 p.m.  
Ord., Apr. 19, 3.30 p.m.  
Parcels only for Hongkong, Apr. 19, 4.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Iloilo and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 26th April.  
K.P.O.  
Reg., Apr. 19, 5 p.m.  
Ord., Apr. 19, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg., Apr. 19, 5 p.m.  
Ord., Apr. 19, 7.30 a.m.  
Saturday, Apr. 20

Calcutta  
Parcels Apr. 20, 9.30 a.m.  
Letters Apr. 20, 10.30 a.m.  
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th May.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Reg., Apr. 20, 9.45 a.m.  
Ord., Apr. 20, 10.30 a.m.  
Canton Apr. 20, 10.30 a.m.  
Formosa and Japan Apr. 20, 10.30 a.m.  
Parcels only for Tientsin Apr. 20, 12.30 p.m.  
Amoy Apr. 20, 12.30 p.m.  
Haliphong Apr. 20, 12.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th May and London, 26th May.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels Apr. 20, 3.00 p.m.  
Reg., Apr. 20, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord., Apr. 20, 5.30 p.m.  
Parcels only for Tientsin Apr. 20, 5.00 p.m.<



# MAGAZINE PAGE

## The Private Lives of— Elizabeth and Essex

FILM: "Elizabeth & Essex".  
STARS: Bette Davis, Errol Flynn.  
VERDICT: Outstanding.

HERE IS a film that will leave you breathless, both for its remarkable Technicolour—perhaps the best ever seen on the screen—and for the beauty of its acting.

Bette Davis, thrice winner of the coveted Academy award, gives one of the best performances of her career. Her performance as the "virgin" Queen is striking.

The film recounts the turbulent romance of the famous Queen and her courtier, Essex, his downfall and execution.

Errol Flynn is a fitting courtier, and the supporting cast, which includes Olivia de Havilland, Donald Crisp, Alan Hale and Henry Stephenson, are excellent.

Hongkong will get its first glimpse of the film, if it wishes, at a charity gala to-night, which will be attended by Lady Northcote, and at which the Band of the 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, will render the overtures. Miss Barbara Gilmar will also give two numbers from the stage.

To-night's gala premiere is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

"The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" is to be road-shown as from to-morrow. But the extra you'll pay as roadshow prices will also go to the B.W.O.F., which should benefit substantially from the five day showing.

FILM: "Comet Over Broadway".  
STARS: Kay Francis, Ian Hunter.  
VERDICT: Uncommon theme.

KAY Francis is seen in this film as a small-town wife with stage ambitions. She is flattered by the attentions of a visiting famous actor.

He is accidentally killed by her husband and the film goes on to show how the wife becomes herself a famous star in the process of making enough money to secure her husband's freedom from prison.

It is a theme somewhat out of the common rut and though some of the situations are conventional in their emotional tug, the net entertainment has much to commend it.

Kay Francis is ably supported by John Littel as her husband, Ian Hunter as a Broadway producer and Sybil Jason as the growing-up daughter.

FILM: "When To-morrow Comes".  
STARS: Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer.  
VERDICT: For Boyer fans.

THIS is a simple film dealing with the mere encounter of two unfortunate lovers, one of whom has a lunatic wife whose lucid moments are very rare.

Irene Dunne is a waitress and Charles Boyer a famous pianist. They meet and are improbably drawn to each other. They attend a strike meeting, go out yachting



### WHAT'S ON TO-DAY

ORIENTAL: "When To-morrow Comes".

KING'S: "Comet Over Broadway".

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Everything's on Ice".

KING'S 9.30 p.m.: Special Premiere of "Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex".

TO-MORROW

KING'S: "Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex".

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Everything's on Ice".

ORIENTAL: "When To-morrow Comes".

get caught in a thunderstorm and escape from a hurricane to a church.

The film fades out with a wistful look on the waitress's face and the indication that these two will meet again when the coast is somehow clear.

The two stars give competent performances. Irene Dunne sings once in addition, and the capable director has arranged it so that there is no artificiality attached to the staging of the song. Which is no mean achievement.

IN the Money: Mickey Rooney. Statisticians estimate that this young man earned for his employers during 1939 the staggering sum of £6,000,000 from world cinemas.

Not even Shirley Temple, not even Snow White, could do this.

Rooney's end of this jackpot is announced at £200 a week, with a £2,000 bonus per picture—which makes his salary £22,000 a year at nineteen.

Time reports that with this money he has acquired a ranch, a racehorse, a twelve-room home, nineteen radios, a jazz band, two dogs, the junior singles tennis championship of the Pacific South-west (though I guess he had to sweat for that), a wardrobe like Clark Gable, two cars, a hide-away apartment in Beverly Hills, a football team, a coloured valet, a collection of pipes, a golf score in the 80's, a guitar, a saxophone, two pianos, a kiss from Bette Davis, a broken leg, eighty chickens, three turkeys, six canaries and a parrot.

So, busy is Rooney nowadays that he sends his pa, old-time vaudeville "hooper" Joe Yule, on one of the cars to collect his "date" for the evening.

### ... There ARE no stokers in the Navy

"THERE are no more stokers in the Royal Navy."

Stokers, as such, are a vanishing race. Stoker Arnold may be down in the Navy List as a stoker, but neither he nor any of his colleagues do any stoking.

All submarines are electrically driven, so there are no fires to tend; neither are there any more coal-burning ships in the Navy. The men who tend the oil fires in H.M. ships now wear white overalls, and, instead of heaving shovels of coal into blazing furnaces, just turn on a tap which regulates the oil jets.

STOKING has become a kid-glove job, and it is almost the same in the Merchant Service now, as well as in the Navy.

The advent of oil fuel has done away with coal-burning ships more rapidly even than steam supplanted sail. Less than ten years ago there was hardly an oil-burning mailboat on the London-Australia run.

The old Mauretania carried 200 stokers when she burnt coal. The new one has 20 boiler-room attendants. But (it must add this) the Transatlantic record Mauretania No. 1 set up when her speed depended on the calibre of her stokers stood for 15 years.

TOWNS like Grays, Tilbury, and Gravesend have been badly hit by the vanishing of stokers from the seas. Almost since the first steamer crossed the Atlantic these towns, with Liverpool, have supplied the best steam-makers afloat.

Oil fuel was a heaven-sent blessing to the Royal Navy. Officers and men who served in H.M. ships when they burnt coal shudder if you mention these days to them now, days of which the new generation of sailors know nothing.

Never again will a brawny, half-stoker rattle a shovel down in the bowels of a Royal Navy ship and come off with a look like a black man. Even the mauling of new tramp steamers nowadays enjoy the luxury of oil fuel.

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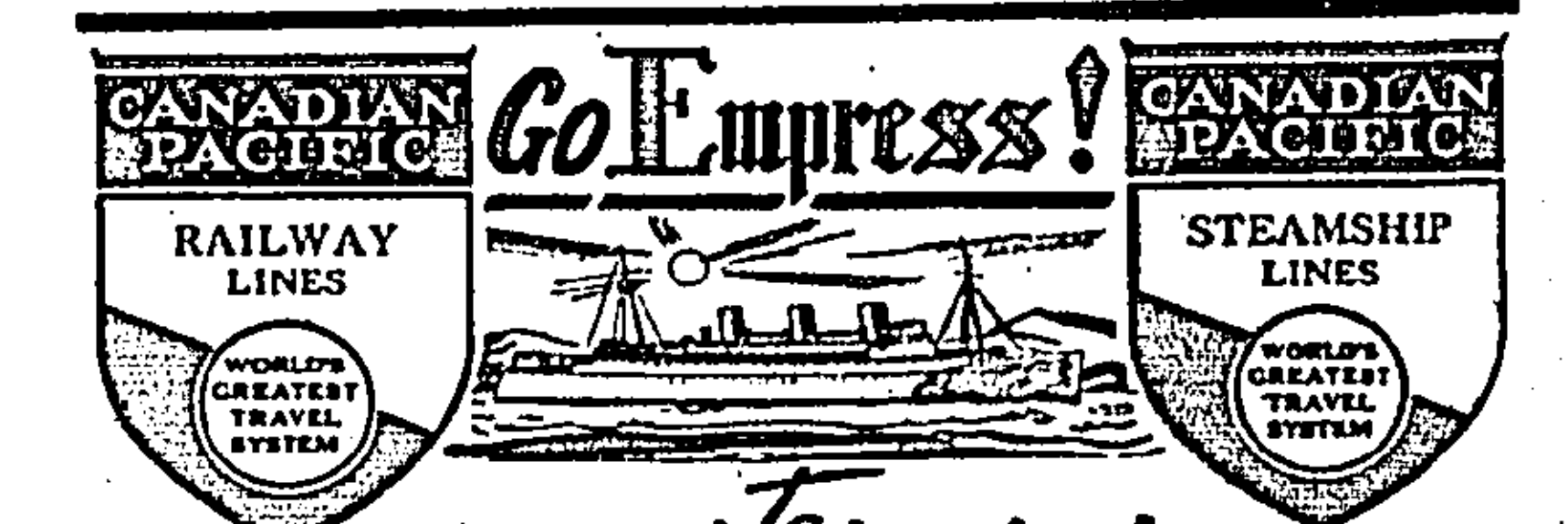
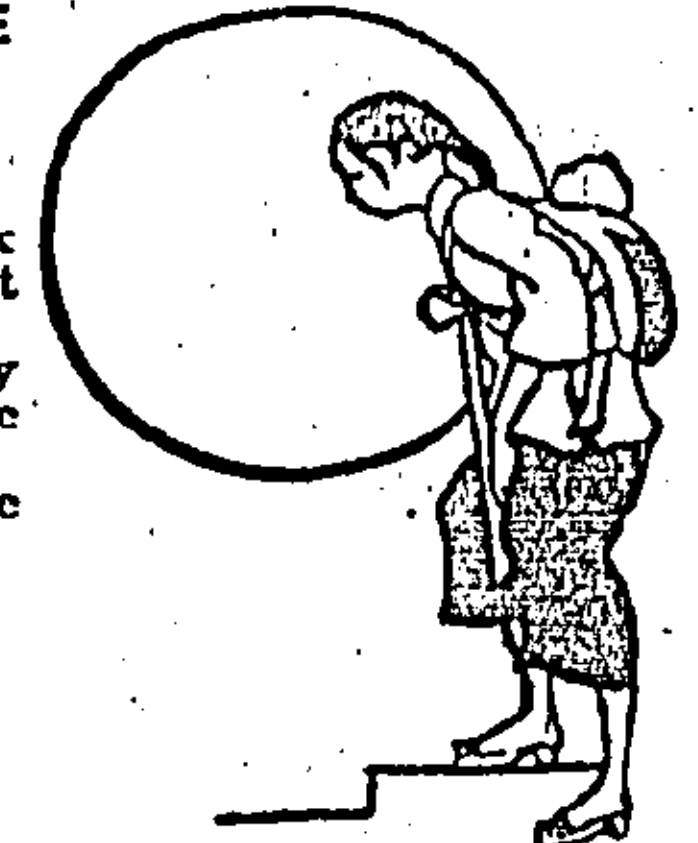
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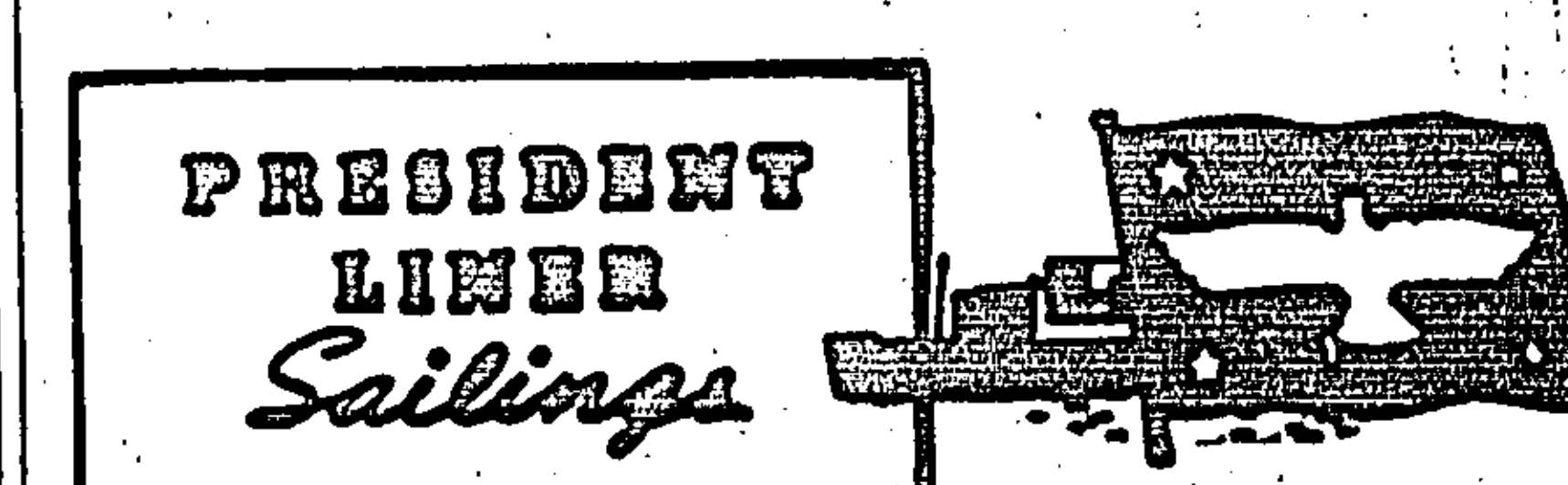
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### SPOTTING THE RANK Instructor Officers

These are differentiated from officers of the Executive branch by light blue cloth between the gold stripes on the cuffs of jackets and the shoulders of greatcoats.

When war began there were exactly 100 Instructor Officers on the active list, of whom 34 were temporary Instructor Lieutenants. Permanent ranks comprised four Instructor Captains, 41 Instructor Commanders, 16 Instructor Lieutenant-Commanders and five Instructor Lieutenants. Senior of them all is Instructor Captain A. E. Hall, who holds the appointment of Director of the

Education Department of the Admiralty.

Normally only big ships carry Instructor Officers. They are responsible for the training in certain subjects of the midshipmen on board, as well as for the polishing up, educationally, of lower dock candidates for advancement.

A senior Instructor Officer, either an Instructor Captain or Instructor Commander, is carried in certain fleet flagships for duty as Fleet Advisor on Education. Others are borne on the staffs of the Commanders-in-Chief at the Home ports, with the official status of Port Education Officer.

### IN FRANCE TODAY

### THE TWO WORDS THAT

### MATTER

THE walls of the dead and empty city of Strasbourg are still plastered with notices over six months old calling Frenchmen to arms.

Elsewhere, later decrees have covered that momentous summons, but this frontier city, emptied of human life almost as suddenly and as drastically as Pompeii centuries ago, serves to remind one of the mood of France at the outbreak of war.

The Frenchman knows that from the moment of his mobilisation everything about his life becomes utterly abnormal. His pay, in most cases, drops to less than twopence a day, with entirely inadequate allowances for his wife and children. His one ambition is to get the business over quickly.

There are two words, salut public—public safety—which play a very important part at such times. They explain the readiness with which the Frenchman downs tools and takes up arms. And also the readiness with which he puts into cold storage all the advantages gained after years of social struggle.

In the great Renault works at Auteuil the men, not so long ago, were giving the lead to the whole of France in the demand for a 40-hour week. Those of them who remain after mobilisation has swept over the factory are working 60 hours for the same pay at a time when the cost of living is leaping like the temperature chart of an influenza victim.

They do it because of those two words, salut public, and because they have a fairly clear idea of what would happen to them and their country if Hitler were to win.

There is now, after six months of stalemate, a growing interest in the maintenance or restoration of civil liberties.

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### By Vernon Bartlett

IN the last war, were at first treated as common criminals.

The answer to that is that France is now at war. But the leaders of the Cagouards, despite their plots to overthrow the Third Republic with German help, are restored to positions of influence and M. Calhoun, in his same prison during the last war, was accorded the special treatment reserved for political prisoners.

The case of the Communists is still sub judice, but they have been attacked as traitors by M. Daladier in the Chamber, and there is a report that the trial, when it does begin will take place behind closed doors.

If it is held in camera France, one fears, will have lost a battle on the home front. And if one may judge by the Press since the censorship was removed, it is a battle which the Government might so easily win.

There are many thousands of French workmen who are grateful to the dynamism and courage of the Communist leaders in their factories in the struggle for a shorter working day and who are now for the first time reading Marx and other expounders of a doctrine which has landed these local leaders in gaol.

On September 26 the Communist Party with more than 70 members of Parliament, was dissolved.

The members were presumably still free to sit in the Chamber, but they have no power unless they belong to a recognised group. Thus

only speakers actually mandated by a recognised group may take part in debates on such important matters as the Budget.

Some 45 of them formed another group, theoretically open to members of any political party, but in fact consisting only of ex-Communists. The existence of this group was recognised by M. Herriot, President of the Chamber.

On October 1 the group sent a letter to M. Herriot urging that if, as was then expected, Hitler made a peace offer, and if it was supported by the Soviet Union, the offer should not be prejudged by attacks in the Press, but should be discussed in Parliament, to see whether "a just and durable peace" which safeguarded the independence of France was not possible.

Thereupon the members of the group were arrested and imprisoned. The right-wing Cagouards, whose treachery included the smugling of arms believed to come from Germany, were given special treatment in the Sante prison whereas the Communists, including one man who is blind and one who lost both legs and roughly a score of others who had fought





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# HOW I TRAPPED THE NAZI BUND LEADER IN AMERICA

## Tiny 'mike' exposes Nazi leader

NEW YORK.

THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE TO kill Mrs. Virginia Cogswell, the "Georgia Peach," who helped to send Fritz Kuhn, the leader of the German-American Nazis, to Sing Sing.

Dictaphone records of Kuhn's conversations in her apartments and other evidence gathered by Mrs. Cogswell, with whom the American "Little Hitler" fell in love, are being used in a new Federal Government investigation of Kuhn's activities and the affairs of his German-American Bund (the Nazi organization in U.S.).

Now, in spite of police protection, Nazi agents shadow the Georgia Peach. One has told her to her face: "YOU WILL NEVER LIVE TO TESTIFY."

Mrs. Cogswell, beautiful counter-spy for her country, ignores the threats. Here she tells for the first time the full story of her work in trapping Fritz Kuhn.

BY VIRGINIA COGSWELL

THERE WAS NOTHING sinister about the courteous man who stepped to my side on that sultry afternoon of July 1, while I waited at Washington Airport for the New York-bound plane.

I know men. A beauty contest winner, known as the Georgia Peach, I was used to men's company.

The stranger bowed formally and asked if he might sit with me on the plane. I could see he was no flirting youth who might be obnoxious. He was middle-aged and stocky. His hard, jutting chin, military bearing and cultured accent reminded me of German Army officers I had met abroad.

He introduced himself as Harry Larsen. It was not until he took me out to dinner in New York the next evening that he confessed:

"I am really Fritz Kuhn."

Kuhn's activities as leader of the German-American Bund were just getting under way then, in 1937. Few suspected that this American Hitler had his orders direct from Berlin. Little was known of Kuhn, and I had not heard of him. My blank look hurt his pride.

He boasted: "Why, I have been called America's Public Enemy Number One!"

I thought he was a gangster. He laughed, and went on: "I'm not a real gangster. Political enemies call me that. Why, I have been visiting the German Legation."

"As Bundesführer, it is my task to rid the country of the real gangsters—all those who oppose me."

"Then you are an official of the German Government?"

"No, I am an American citizen," he answered. "I am an American citizen."

THRUSTING OUT HIS ARM AGGRESSIVELY, HE EXCLAIMED: "THE NAZI SALUTE!—IN A FEW YEARS IT WILL BE THE SALUTE FOR ALL AMERICANS."

I must admit I was becoming fascinated. He continually protested his love for me, and dazzled me with a constant round of entertainment at the best places in Manhattan.

Then, with a flourish, Fritz led me through the heavily-barred door into his private office. Upon entering, he immediately gave a stiff Nazi salute to a picture of Hitler on the wall. It carried the Dictator's autograph.

Our rounds of the night clubs continued, with Fritz throwing money around as if he were the mint itself.

Later, I learned with a shock that Fritz had been spying on me. He warned me against my newspaper friends.

"You'll talk too much," he said grimly. "You may know a little too much. The movement cannot risk traitors. There are things, you know, that you had better forget. It is possible for people to—just disappear."

I was frightened now. Not so much for myself, as by the way Kuhn was working. I turned detective on my own account.

One thing I saw immediately I could do—keep a record of everything Fritz said.

The Dreaded Spy Ring

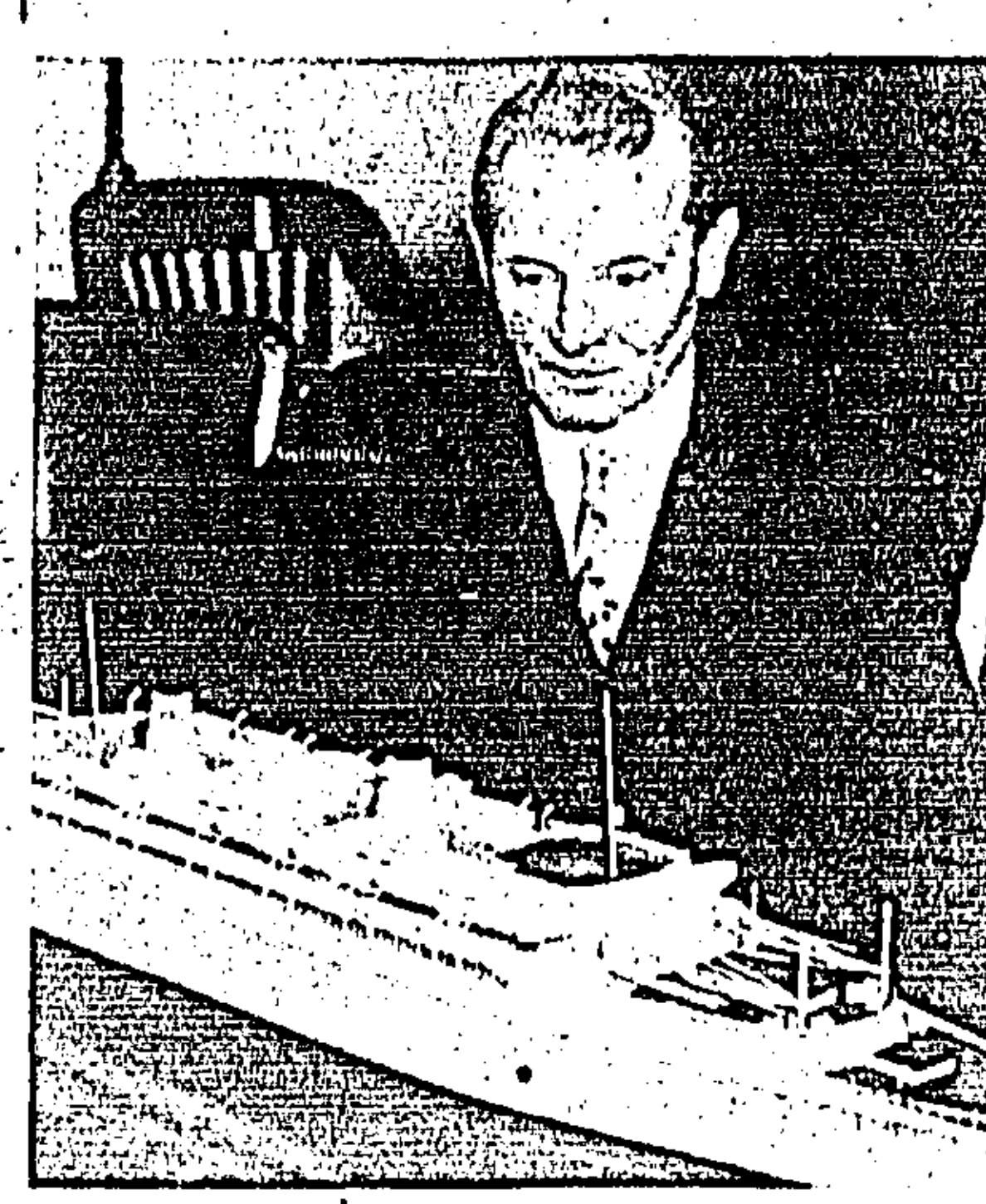
So I began keeping records and pretending—pretending my love for Kuhn, my devotion to Hitler.

In Albany, a legislative inquiry into New York State Nazi activities was preparing to hold sessions. In Washington, Congress was organizing the Dies Committee to look into subversive activities.

Fritz was confident he could lie his way out of any questioning, but

PARTICULAR interest centres on this model of a projected U.S. aircraft carrier of 35,000 tons which in peacetime can be used as an ocean liner.—Domei.

## AMERICA'S NEW BATTLESHIP



## AIR WAS HIS LIFE —AND HIS DEATH

THE story of one of Britain's boy airmen, twenty-year-old Sergeant Edward Charles Warren-Moss, buried in a Gloucestershire cemetery after a crash while on a training flight, began when, fifteen years ago, disappointment blighted an eighty-year-old Dulwich, South East London, inventor's life.

After a waiting period of some months, the Air Ministry returned to ex-engineer, James Moss, a working model of an aeroplane which he had submitted.

So embittered was the old man at the thought of his wasted years and money that he removed the engines from the model and gave it to his small grandson as a toy.

## Super fighter is R.A.F. surprise

THE Royal Air Force will shortly receive new types of aircraft of formidable armament and of hitherto unattainable speeds.

There have been in production for the past twelve months. Each is superior to any of the new warplanes now being built by the Nazis.

I understand they include a twin-engine fighter of five power and speed superior to the latest Messerschmitt. The German fighter has two engines, each developing 1,200 h.p. Its maximum speed is about 365 m.p.h. It carries two cannon guns and four machine guns and has seats for a gunner as well as the pilot.

Our new types are believed to include also four—engine fighters which are literally "flying battleships," with speeds of over 300 m.p.h.

Reached 400 m.p.h.

The Spitfire, it may now be revealed, has reached approximately 400 m.p.h. This is Britain's fastest single-seater single-engine fighter at present in use. So far not a single one has fallen to the guns of Nazi raiders which it has intercepted round our coasts.

Even the types still in use in the R.A.F. have been made more formidable by improvements.

Our best bomber, the Wellington, now has a turret in the tail with several machine-guns. It is now so well defended that it is the most formidable bomber in service in any country. Few have been lost in action.

All the new types embody power-operated gun turrets—which Germany does not yet possess—and the intense fire power which are the twin secrets of our success in air combat.

and other material spoke for me.

That trial ended with Kuhn hearing himself sentenced as a common thief to spend from two and a half to five years in Sing Sing prison.

HAS A PASS FOR HIS BOOTS

PRIVATE JOHN STAFFORD, of Hulme, Manchester, carries an Army pass to enable him to wear his boots.

His feet are size 3—smallest in the Army.

When he joined up, the Quarter-master-Sergeant, unable to fit him from service stock, let him keep his own boots.

These wore out when Stafford went to France. He was given size 4, the smallest available.

The graceful skeleton of his discarded idea kindled in the mind of Edward Charles Warren-Moss a craving to be an airman.

Garden "Drome"

The small garden fronting his home, Elcot-avenue, Peckham, S.E., was his imaginary landing ground.

As he poised the model in his hand and swooped it down it attracted the eye of passers-by. So many people knocked at the front door asking to buy the model that the boy's father eventually broke it up.

For a time young Ted was inconsolable. Then he began making silver and coloured models of the latest planes. He won a scholarship at Allen's College, Dulwich.

By this time he was itching to get behind the controls of a plane. His father says:

"Ted wanted to leave college before matriculation and join the R.A.F. But I refused my consent. I was hopeful that he would become a City business man and forget about flying."

First Solo Thrill

"But he thought of nothing else, and last month joined the Air Force. His last letter to us tells how he won full marks in a difficult flying exam."

"He described, too, his thrill at his first solo flight three and a half miles above country roads along which he had many times cycled."

"Ted's grandfather was heart-broken when the Government would not take up his plan. Two years after the old man died, at the age of eighty-four, a plane similar to his was in course of production. He had invented ahead of his time."

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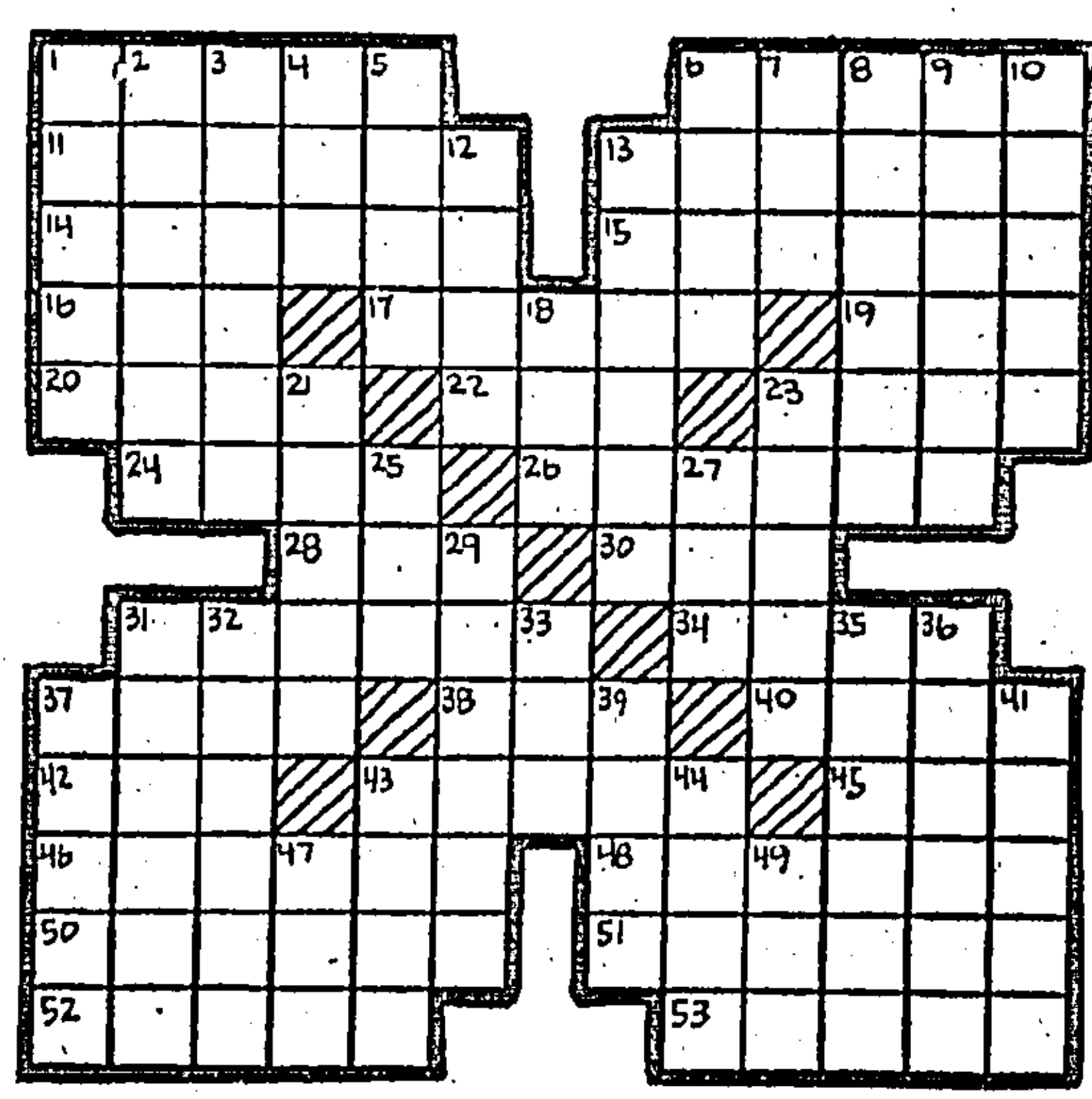
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| DA886     | Farewell to dreams.                              | Richard Crooks.               |
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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| 1—Contingencies                     | 1—Infringe                    | 1—Drives volatile constituents from coal |
| 2—Dish of egg and milk              | 2—Addition to house           | 2—Catskin                                |
| 3—Kazier                            | 3—Use persistent persuasion   |  |
| 4—Neurotic blind woman              | 4—Brings together             |  |
| 5—Perpetrating to cow's birth       | 5—Build                       |  |
| 6—Termined                          | 6—Share                       |  |
| 7—Support of anything               | 7—Long-range riderman         |  |
| 8—Neurotic cow                      | 8—Play on words               |  |
| 9—Arrive                            | 9—More free from impurities   |  |
| 10—Issue forth suddenly             | 10—Strong liquor              |  |
| 11—Most advantageous                | 11—Play on words              |  |
| 12—Smooth and self-satisfied        | 12—Conferred upon             |  |
| 13—Relaxation                       | 13—Morose                     |  |
| 14—Fit out                          | 14—Malicious dagger           |  |
| 15—Pique                            | 15—Type of best movement      |  |
| 16—Terminology                      | 16—Set free on security       |  |
| 17—Deprive of feeling               | 17—Asterisks                  |  |
| 18—Bound of cat                     | 18—Quack                      |  |
| 19—Neurotic brow                    | 19—Exquis                     |  |
| 20—Top story                        | 20—State positively           |  |
| 21—Neurotic fast                    | 21—Quarrelled portion of mile |  |
| 22—Done in vain                     | 22—Devoured                   |  |
| 23—Neurotic property                | 23—Pedal digit                |  |
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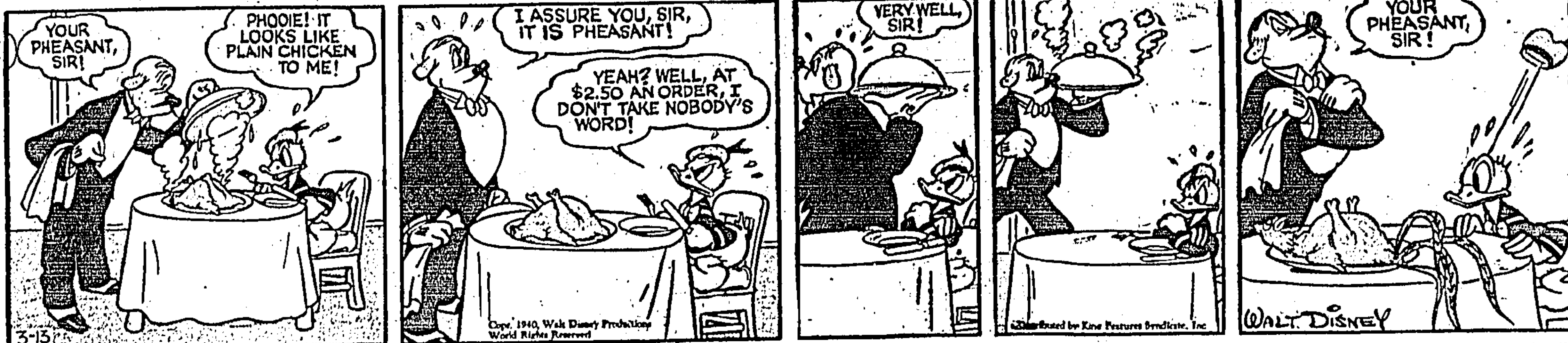
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## THE LOVE AFFAIR OF M. RICHAUD

PARIS.  
M. ALBERT RICHAUD, mayor of the town of Valensole, near Nice, looked out of the window of his office in the main street.

He saw, working at her telephone switchboard near a window in the post office, Mlle. Odette Terrasson.

The mayor was attracted. He waved to her and shouted. They arranged to meet.

It was a case of love at first sight. Two days later M. Richaud proposed marriage to Odette. "Give me time to think it over," said Odette.

The mayor looked out of his office window again in the hope of catching a glimpse of the woman he loved.

He saw her. She was off duty and she was walking along the street, arm in arm with an airman.

The mayor telephoned Odette. "It is M. Richaud speaking," he said. "I asked you to marry me. Your reply is to walk out with another man. I am going to kill myself."

Odette heard a revolver go off. She rushed from the post office to the mayor's parlour. M. Richaud had fallen, with a bullet lodged just over his heart.

He is now recovering in hospital.

## LETTERS

'Erbert 'Iggs Again  
To The Editor,  
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mister editor,—corlume wot a skylark!

eres a lot of people ritin letters to say they wants to meet mister erbert 'iggs an a lot of uvver people saying they knows who e is.

will you pless tell em mister editur that I aint ritin any of these ere unanimes letters in I mite be in the navy an I mite be in the army an I mite be in the bloomin airforce

I am jus plain erbert 'iggs an I might be a sensor or an inshurance bloke or I mite be a sanitary in-specteur

thats one thing that I trewly aint —an thats a dockyard matey altho a lot of peepul thinks I am becos of the way I writes you us to be very dedicated ter be in the dockyard.

out ere the dockyard peepul are orl reely push ones, they dont take their dinners to work in little red ankerehefts but they as sossidge an mash most days an kippers on friday

an calls it filfin and they washes their unds evry time they goes in the jay thats proper honk style aint it but they still saves saturday nite for barfrite

sorry this ere letter aint no brite mister editur but I am a bit worried abart ole all 'e sez 'e as got honkong dorg I dont know egzackly wot it is but it seems ter me 'e might ave a whole blinkin litter of pipples corlounduck 'e has been dashin abart wiv is coat tails at the orizontal for the larat couple of days

maybe 'e as got ailes foot—thats annuvver name fer rotten hocks yores trewly

ERBERT 1069

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Business was again reported in H.K. Banks at \$1,510 and Unions at \$500 but the rest of the Market was neglected.

Buyers	
Bank of E. Asia	\$73
H.K. Fire Ins	\$171
H.K. Steamboats	\$11
H.K. Docks Cum Rts	\$213 1/2
H.K. Docks X Rts	\$10.40
Providents	\$4.35
H. S. Hotels	\$4.65 X.D.
Lands	\$38.85
Realties	\$4.40
Trams	\$17.85
Electric	\$55.40
Macao Electric	\$22 1/4
Telephones (old)	\$28.40
Telephones (new)	\$10
H.K. Ropes	\$5 1/4
Dairy Farms	\$21 1/4
Watsons	\$9.35
Wm Powell	\$1
Entertainments	\$0.80
Sellers	
H.K. Docks Cum Rts	\$22
Trams	\$18
Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$1,510
Unions	\$500
H. S. Hotels	\$4.70 X.D.
Electric	\$55.70
Watsons	\$9.35

## MEXICAN SAFEGUARDS

Mexico City, Apr. 18.  
The Minister for the Interior has ordered an inquiry into Communist and Nazi activities in Mexico. He said anyone who was illegally in Mexico would be deported, regardless of his politics or nationality.—United Press.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO  
April 19, 1890.

German influence has induced the Sultan of Zanzibar to withdraw the concession of the islands of Mafia and Pemba from the British Africa Company. The latter's proxy has declined to accept the withdrawal.

The French papers consider that Prince Bismarck's resignation of the Chancellorship is a guarantee of peace. There is less excitement in Berlin than in any other of the European capitals. The people in Berlin express great confidence in the Emperor William.

Mr. Parnell has filed depositions of the accusations preferred against him by Captain O'Shea in connection with his association with Mrs. O'Shea. The respondent asks for a month's delay, to which the plaintiff objects, urging that Mr. Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea are delaying the proceedings to serve the former's political ends.

Austria has resolved to spend two million florins in the purchase of smokeless powder.

A number of Maxim guns for use by British Regiments will probably reach India during the current year.

A military balloon which ascended from Berlin collapsed over the forest of Posen. A soldier who was in the basket and a Captain of Engineers who was in charge had his legs broken by the fall.

## 25 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1915.  
It is stated at Rotterdam that the fighting south east of Ypres was very fierce. The wounded are arriving at Brussels and it is stated that the enemy is preparing to evacuate Menin.

Killed: Sir Roland Corbet, B. F. Douglas, G. Staniland, H. M. Whithead (East Surrey).

Died of wounds: A. Brickwood. Wounded: Second Lieut. R. Armstrong (Worcestershire); E. Darfien Smith, J. L. Drummond, G. J. Harvey, C. H. Hood, R. R. Jackson, E. R. Lamb, W. E. Lloyd (Liverpool), C. Melrose (Royal Scots), R. J. Milne, C. Spelling, S. Webster, F. Whitaker, D. Wreford.

To-night's "London Gazette" announces the awards of five further Victoria Crosses to the following:

Private May of the 1st Grenadiers: For, at Neuve Chapelle, running in advance of his grenade company and throwing bombs when the enemy came up they found him quite alone, and the enemy surrendered on all sides.

Lance Corporal Fuller of the 1st Grenadiers: For, at Neuve Chapelle, preventing, without aid, fifty enemy soldiers from escaping from a communication trench. He killed the leader with a bomb, and the remainder surrendered.

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At Spanbroekmolen, though wounded, he led six Grenadiers to the enemy's trenches and held back the reinforcements for two and a half hours.

Private May, of the Cameronians: For, at La Pottellerie, endeavouring to rescue, under the heaviest fire, a wounded man, who was killed before he was able to be saved, and, on the same day, carrying a wounded officer while exposed to a very severe fire, a distance of 300 yards into safety.

Private Tollerston, of the Cameron Highlanders: At the Battle of the Aisne, despite a heavy fire, carried a wounded officer to a place of greater safety. Although wounded, he struggled back to the firing line, and when the British retired he returned to the officer and remained with him for three days till both were rescued.

## 10 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1930.  
A crowd of 30,000 monarchists, highly enthusiastic and very orderly, to-day demonstrated loyalty to His Majesty the King in the Plaza del Toros, the principal square of Madrid.

Dr. Robert Bridges, the Poet Laureate, died at the age of 81.

## 5 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1935.  
It is understood that the naval authorities in Hongkong have been asked to offer through the Japanese Consulate General, to render any help that may be required in connection with the recent earthquake disaster. At the moment, it is not known whether any aid is needed.

Already the toll of lives has reached 2,700 and it is expected that further casualties will be reported from parts of Formosa still out of communication with the outside world because of disrupted telephone and wireless systems. Railways, too, have been discontinued, many tunnels having collapsed. The heaviest loss of life is reported from Tainan Province where 1,100 are dead. Besides the killed 3,335 are injured, many of them seriously.

## VEGETARIANS WANT BUTTER

Meat rationing is in force in England, but the appeal by vegetarians for an extra ration of butter in lieu of meat is still under consideration. The case for the vegetarians, as outlined by Mr. Frank Wyatt, secretary of the London Vegetarian Society, is that they should be allowed at least 6oz. of butter a week instead of 4oz.

"The Food Ministry," Mr. Wyatt added, "seems to think that we should make up our requirements for fats with margarine. The answer to that is that there are only three brands of margarine entirely of vegetable origin."

"These brands are not readily obtainable, and only one has vitamin A. The others have only vitamin D."

# MY TWO YEARS WITH HITLER

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1937 — 1939

BY

SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON

LATE HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR AT BERLIN



Sir Neville Henderson, P.C., G.C.M.G., Late His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin.

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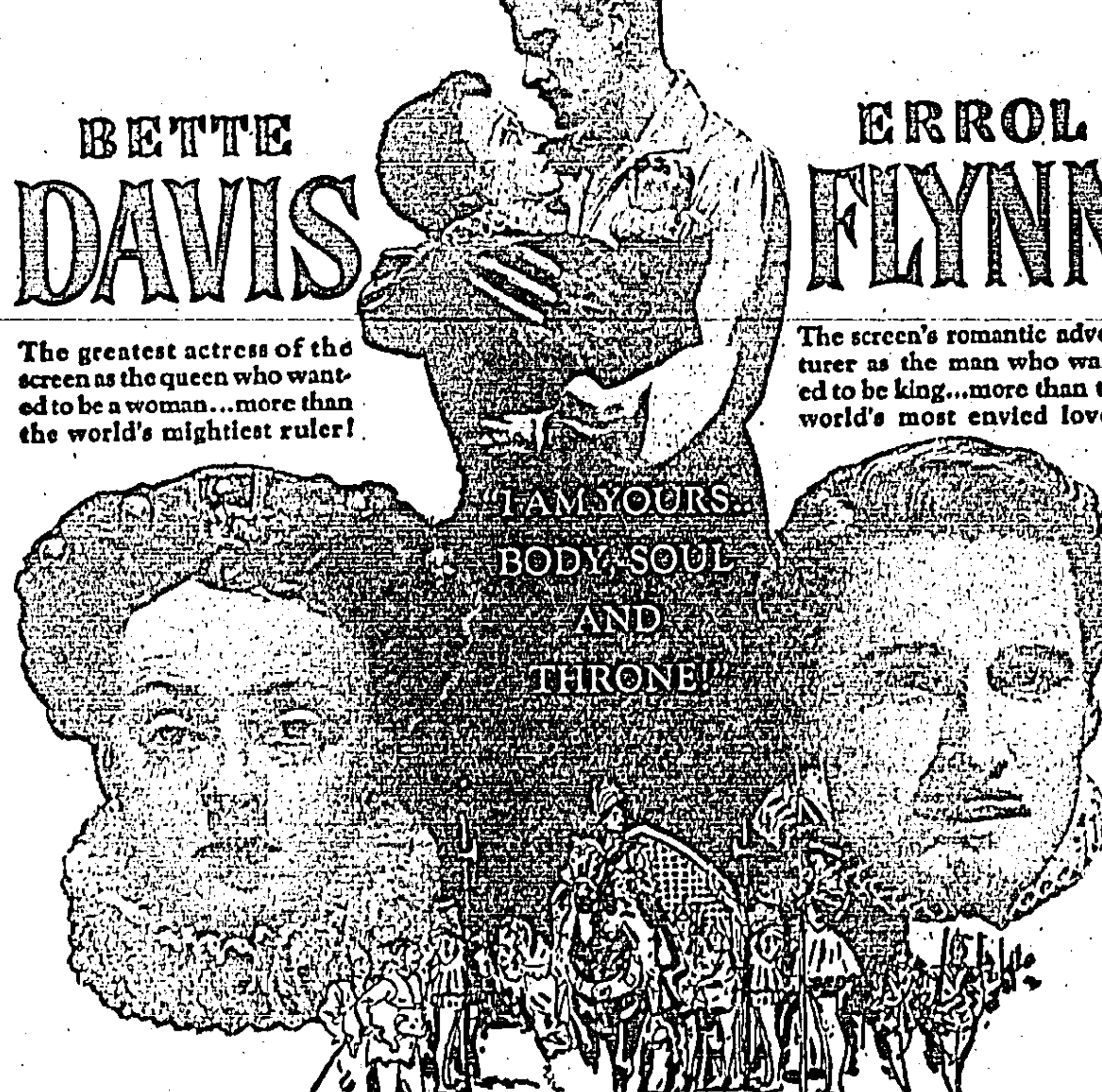
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## Britain And Europe

The totalitarian view of the British Empire is that it is an example of successful piracy. Europe is treated as the victim of its greed and urged to rid herself of a bully. There is a British view that the Empire is, on the contrary, an example of remarkable civility. Europe is expected to recognise this and to be grateful for our unselfishness.

Those who try to see the history of the British Empire as it would look to an impartial European would find the truth somewhere between the two views. The motives and methods of acquisition in the past have been much the same among all expanding European Powers. On the other hand, the strength and character of the British Empire have made it in some important senses a convenience to Europe.

In the first place, Britain's interest in Europe has been that of a Power whose ambitions were satisfied outside Europe. So far as Europe was concerned the overruling British desire was that Europe should not fall under the power of a State strong enough to dominate her. In this case it happened that what suited Britain suited also the several peoples of Europe.

In the second place, British possessions scattered over the seas were not closed to the merchants and traders of other countries. Any nation, therefore, might well prefer that a territory whose resources and markets it did not itself control should be in the hands of Free Trade Britain rather than in those of a Protectionist rival. The German statesman Zimmermann declared, "Our rise depended essentially on the English policy of the Open Door." The British Empire was thus an influence for peace.

From these facts there has grown up a school that speaks of a Pax Britannica on the model of the old Pax Romana, and Europe is expected to cherish this legend as gratefully as the Roman Empire was cherished by men of all races who enjoyed its shelter and hospitality. It is taken for granted that the neutral nations must see that Britain is an unselfish Power. This is a dangerous illusion. The extreme case put by the totalitarians representing the British Empire as a sinister figure can be answered from history. If we are concerned only for dialectical victory, but that answer is not enough. What has to be said of our diplomacy since 1931? What grounds for confidence did it give the neutrals? The sound arguments Mr. Chamberlain addresses to the neutrals to-day might have been addressed to him by the neutrals in the days of appeasement. The collapse of collective security for which Britain must share with France the chief responsibility, makes a more vivid impression on the mind of Europe than those aspects of our history that strike the imagination of Britain. To the totalitarians argument of collective security can unify and organise Europe we must not reply merely by showing what kind of a Europe would emerge from this treatment; we must show what we are ready to do to create a different Europe. We have to take an active and a leading part in the economic task that was shelved or overlooked at the Peace Conference of 1919.

# It is not the longest sword but the longest purse that conquers

FIRST of all, we must admit that the war costs a great deal. It costs far more than the last occasion when we fought the Germans.

At this stage in the former struggle the war cost us about £3 millions a day, as against £6 millions a day now.

The expenditure of the French was then £2½ millions a day, as against £4½ millions a day in this war.

Now, why is it that the war costs twice as much as it did last time?

The answer is a simple one. The pay of soldiers and sailors is a bigger item of expenditure. Battleships cost twice as much to build. The Air Force has been added to our war services.

When war broke out the Air Force was costing us about a million pounds a day. That is the figure which Sir Kingsley Wood was spending in building and operating our airplanes.

There is also another channel of war expenditure which did not exist in the last conflict—Air Raid Precautions.

That is the service through which the passive defence of the civil population against the menace of air attack is organised. And there is also Evacuation, the cost of maintaining school children from the cities in country districts, where they will not be exposed to the same danger of bombing by the enemy.

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BUT although the increase in the cost of warfare is easy to explain, it has still to be faced. We have to meet the position that, in our own case and in the case of France, this war costs roughly twice as much as the last war. That is the situation revealed by comparable figures.

What resources have we got to meet this expenditure?

There is, first, the tax revenue of the country. In 1915 we were meeting less than one-quarter of the national expenditure out of taxation. That was the proportion we paid out of income. The rest we borrowed.

To-day we are paying half the cost out of taxation.

That is one tremendous advantage which we possess on this occasion.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly, or repeated too often, that half the burden of the cost of this war is borne on current revenue.

That is equal to four times as much as we paid out in taxation in the same period of the last war. Taxpayers should rejoice. For it means that the more we pay now, the more confidence we can have after the war.

Other efforts will have to be made, too. We must increase our output and turnover. That is imperative.

With that increase in turnover we must also increase taxation. Saving should be encouraged in every direction, so that borrowings by the Government will not depend upon the inflation of banking credit. For my part I believe that the conduct of war economy will determine the course of the war.

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WE have payments to make abroad. That is where difficulties may arise. Indeed, that is the most important financial problem we have to deal with.

Our ability to meet that problem is immensely greater than it was in the last war.

And here let me say that in Sir John Simon we have a Chancellor of the Exchequer who is able, cool, far-seeing, cautious and economical. And no more can be said in praise of a good Chancellor.

Now let us array the resources at our command for making purchases abroad.

## THE RESOURCES of Britain are ample for the war campaign in which we are involved.

That is a proposition which, if it can be sustained, will do much to fortify and strengthen the courage and endurance of the British public. More important, it will instil confidence in the hearts of the great multitude of American citizens who wish us well and are anxious about our future.

It may even persuade some of them to buy our securities and to build up assets in the Empire.

And at all times we should express our gratitude to them for past friendship. We should not hesitate to deal with them frankly. There is no use attempting to hide our views from them or restraining our opinions. The Americans will never thank us for pretending one thing to them and saying another thing among ourselves.

So here is a disclosure of the financial situation of Britain as I see it.

## By Lord Beaverbrook

In the total I am taking the liberty of including not only French but also Canadian resources. I do so, not because I expect Canadian assets to be available for Britain's service, but because the Canadian war effort must be paid for by the Dominion.

Now what is the position with regard to the ability of the Allies to pay for war material purchased in the United States? What resources do they command for this purpose?

There are the GOLD RESERVES of Britain, France and Canada. These amount to:

Britain	£ 500,000,000
France	750,000,000
Canada	34,000,000
Other British and French countries	130,000,000
A total of	£1,434,000,000

Then there are the CASH BALANCES standing to the credit of Britain, France and Canada in the United States.

These amount to £317,000,000 of which Britain holds about one-half.

Liquid securities possessed by the three stand at a figure of £355,000,000.

And the non-liquid securities owned by Britain, France and Canada can be reckoned at a total of £385,000,000.

So the total resources of the

Allies, which would be available for purchases in the United States, amount, if the Canadian resources are included, to a total of about £2,490 millions.

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THIS compares with a total of gold and dollar resources in 1914 of about £1,600 millions. It shows an immense increase in financial strength.

In the last war Britain and France bought on balance from the United States £2,300 millions' worth of goods all told. This is the total American sales to the two chief Allied Powers after deducting their exports to the United States. If we confine ourselves to the same sum, as I am convinced that we shall, owing to the development of our own raw materials, then, with Canadian financial resources included, we have enough gold, cash and liquid securities to buy the goods we need.

We must also take into account our capacity to pay for some of our American imports by means of exports to the United States. This capacity will, in fact, be greater than in the last war owing to the development of production in the Empire.

Then, in addition, those exports to the United States will include sales of animal, vegetable and mineral commodities by the British Colonies and also the French Colonies. There is the very big export from Canada of metals and newsprint. There is the gold export from Empire countries.

But it must be borne in mind that Canadian assets, of whatever description, are not available to pay for Britain's purchases. And that

Canada's financial resources have been included in the totals given above. Against these Canadian assets there are, of course, numerous holdings in neutral countries, notably the South American republics, which have not been taken into account.

It is my view that, since the outbreak of war, we have so far lost none of our American assets. There has been no reduction in their worth re-counting.

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HOW has it been possible for us, in war conditions, to effect this husbanding of our resources?

There has, of course, been a sharp wartime decline in some of our normal purchases from the United States. We have reduced our import of American tobacco, of cotton, of wheat and other commodities.

In the case of tobacco we took in the month of October 1939, for instance, six million dollars' worth, as compared with twenty-nine million dollars in the same month of 1938.

The decline is due, in some measure, to economy in consumption. To the desire to do without. But this economy is supplemented by an increase in production of tobacco in the British Empire.

Our dependence on American supplies of tobacco is thus reduced. The value of the import of raw cotton which Britain can derive from the Empire is more than three times greater than it was before the last war.

And although in that last war we brought more than half our imported wheat from the United States, at a cost of about £200 millions, the Empire can now supply all the wheat that we need.

Now we must take into account the production of vegetable, animal and mineral wealth in the British Empire.

The extension and development of these resources has been carried on in the last twenty years at a rate which far outstrips any other development in the world.

It is true that the progress has been unsatisfactory to men who have always been conscious of this vast treasure house given into our keeping. The treasure house that is known as the British Empire.

But while we cannot claim to have turned our single talent into ten, neither can we be dismissed as the servant unworthy of the master's confidence.

Let us look, then, at gold production. And here I wish to emphasize that gold production is not to be confused with gold stocks.

Gold production relates only to the gold that is mined from the earth year by year.

The gold output of the British Empire was 14 million fine ounces in 1914. It is 21 million ounces now.

That is an increase of 50 per cent in quantity. And it is a far bigger increase when measured in money values.

For this must be taken into account:

Gold will buy more imports than it did in the last war. For that reason, our purchases from abroad will not be so expensive as they were. They will, in fact, cost much less in terms of gold and actually slightly less in terms of sterling.

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OUR purchases of raw materials may be huge, but remember, in gold values, the price of raw materials is less than half what it was in the last war. This is startling, but it is a fact.

The Investor's Chronicle, a most reputable financial journal, has recently made an extensive calculation of the total imports of raw materials into Britain during the last war.

It was shown that these imports represented 385 million ounces of gold.

This journal then reaches the astonishing conclusion that a similar quantity of commodities, taking prices at the outbreak of war, could be bought with 154 million ounces of gold.

But it is not in gold alone that the remarkable Empire development has been demonstrated. There are many other raw materials where increases of production since the last war show far more striking results.

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HERE is a short table which I hope will reveal quite clearly the wealth and strength of the British Empire:

BRITISH EMPIRE OUTPUT			
	Year 1913	Year 1939	
	Tons	Tons	
Nickel	22,500	102,000	
Copper	94,000	600,000	
Bauxite			
(aluminium ore)	25,000	400,000	
Rubber	40,000	600,000	
Cocoa	90,000	415,000	

It will be seen that in every case there is a considerable increase in the quantities of these commodities produced in the Empire. The total result is an eight-fold increase in output.

And always there is an increase in Empire production relative to world output.

The position with regard to oil is different. The Empire production is six million tons. Under the control of the Empire is a production amounting to perhaps 25 million tons.

The Empire production is about the same in relation to total world output as it was in 1914. But we derive benefit from the 25 million tons produced outside the Empire with our money.

It will be seen, then, that the strength of Britain, Canada, and the rest of the Empire is so great that it seems impossible that we can in the long run suffer defeat.

In fact, on economic issues the triumph of the Empire is assured.

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WE pass at once to the dark forebodings about the future sometimes held and expressed by business men reluctant to undertake new obligations. The forebodings we can pronounce utterly unwarranted. It can be said with supreme confidence.

There is every hope, prospect and expectation that from the war the Empire will emerge so strong in raw materials, so rich in mineral, vegetable and mineral assets that it should afford a future filled with hope and bright with the prospect of happiness and contentment to our people.

I hope, too, that, even when the war progresses and we turn in an immense effort and concentration to fighting and destroying our enemies, we will at the same time develop our resources to the fullest extent.

Our raw materials, the produce of the soil, and our animal wealth, here at home, in the Crown Colonies, and in other parts of the Empire, constitute our strength and justify our confidence.

Such a development would involve us in forming a firm resolve to use our man-power to the utmost at home and abroad.



## JAPANESE ENGINEER MARRIED

### Commons Questions On Hankow Trade

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A question on the import trade in Hankow was raised in the House of Commons to-day by Major General Sir A. W. F. Knox who asked whether Mr. Chamberlain was aware that to an increasing extent that city's import trade was being monopolised by the Japanese.

He asked what steps Government was taking to restore and protect British trade in the interior of China.

**Trade At Standstill**  
In replying, Mr. R. A. Butler said that according to the latest information available, trade in Hankow was practically at a standstill, and what little trade remained was in Japanese hands through a few shipments of wood-ore on American account had taken place.

No opportunity was being lost, he said, of drawing the attention of the Japanese Government to the importance which His Majesty's Government attached to the relaxation of the existing restrictions of British trade.

## British Ship Torpedoed

### After Escaping From Nazis In Narvik

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The British 5,000-ton steamer, Swallow, was torpedoed off the north Scottish coast yesterday. The crew of 39 made land in their own boats.

The Swallow was engaged in shipping iron ore and had reached Narvik a few hours after the German occupation. She was accompanied by the steamer Nyanza.

The latter's captain was suspicious of the pilot who looked a German. The pilot took the Swallow in first and no further news of her was received until to-night.

Meantime, the Nyanza was warned by a Polish destroyer and departed.

## LINER BREMEN: NEW RUMOURS

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 18 (UP).—According to a Norwegian survivor of the British steamer Stencil, which was sunk earlier this month, the German super-liner Bremen was sunk with 1,500 German troops aboard while the liner was in Norwegian waters.

The survivor, Mr. Engvard Olsen of Bodin, declared to press representatives to-day that he learned of the Bremen's fate accidentally from the Commander of a German submarine which rescued survivors.

He also asserted that the Norwegian authorities have since sent back to Germany a prepared telegram which was found in the Bremen's captain's pockets saying that he had arrived safely.

British naval circles decline to comment on the report.

## ADMIRAL SCHEER VICTOR RETURNS

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The submarine Spearfish entered port to-day. Her crew told of their successful attack on the Admiral Scheer.

The Spearfish endured nightmarish experiences earlier in the day and did not expect anything like the wonderful opportunity presented to them when the Admiral Scheer was spotted.

The attack lasted only a few minutes. As the Spearfish was escaping the impact of the torpedoes on the German warship were distinctly audible.

## BELGIUM RUSHES NEW DEFENCES

BRUSSELS, Apr. 18 (UP).—Belgium is rushing ahead with a considerable extension of the fortifications on the eastern border of Liege Province, necessitating the evacuation of numerous inhabitants and the blowing up of houses obstructing sites, which has resulted in the closure of several roads.

The area affected runs from the Luxembourg frontier to the Eugein district facing Aix-Chappelle. Approximately 400 people have been evacuated from the Eugein district alone.

## Super-Warships Of 52,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee to-day, said that America contemplates building super-dreadnoughts of 50,000 to 52,000 tons as an answer to Japan's reported construction of 43,000 ton ships.

At the same time, said Admiral Stark, the United States Navy has renewed its efforts to obtain Congress approval of the construction of a large submarine and air base on the island of Guam.

## Trade Mission For Moscow

BELGRADE, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Yugo-Slavian trade mission is leaving here soon for Moscow to discuss a trade treaty between Yugo-Slavia and Soviet Russia.

The news of this has come as a surprise to the Yugo-Slavian people.

## INCREASING U.S. ATTENTION TO ORIENT AFFAIRS

### FROM PAGE ONE

to carry out the normal Philippine neutrality patrol.

**Philippines And D.E.I.**  
Meanwhile Philippines quarters are interested in Mr. Cordell Hull's statement regarding the D.E.I.

Some believe it may have indicated the attitude the United States will probably take in the event of the Philippines being threatened after the declaration of independence.

Supporters of this view draw attention to the fact that if the United States is interested in the welfare of the Dutch Colony, it would be reasonable to expect she would show even greater concern for the welfare of a Colony she has spent 40 years preparing for independence.

**Japan's "Grave Concern"**  
TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"The Japanese Navy feels grave concern for the maintenance of the status quo in the Dutch East Indies because any change of the status quo in those islands as a result of the European war would mean expansion of the conflict to this part of the world," said a Navy Office spokesman to-day.

"To this, the Japanese Navy has the strongest objection, particularly in view of Japan's national policy of standing out of the European war."

"If the United States feels solicitous for the maintenance of the status quo in Greenland, there is no wonder why Japan feels so concerned over the fate of the Dutch East Indies, because American interests in Greenland cannot stand comparison with Japan's vital interests in the Dutch East Indies."

**Washington Theory**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Apr. 18 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull's warning took precedence over European news in the "Herald-Tribune."

"Mr. Arita's statement in Washington, not as a genuine suspicion that the United States and Britain are about to take some action, but rather as an excuse for possible action by the Japanese in concert with the Germans," states the paper.

"As Washington views it, the Japanese are thinking of occupying the Dutch East Indies simultaneously with a German attack on the Netherlands proper."

"The 'New York Times' states: 'The promptness with which Mr. Hull moved to clarify the position of the United States in the light of Mr. Arita's statement, gives rise to the belief that the American policy toward the situation in the Pacific is hardening.'"

**Not Seeking Protection**

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office states that the Japanese Minister to The Hague called on the Netherlands Foreign Minister and asked the Netherlands attitude regarding the Netherlands East Indies. The Minister replied that the Netherlands had not sought nor would seek any other country's protection of the East Indies.

**Wants Precautions Taken**

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Fatherland Club, the largest nationalist organisation in the Dutch East Indies, has petitioned the government to take precautions against foes from within. It emphasises the dangers of the local Nazi movement and says that Nazi sympathisers may be found among the authorities of the Dutch East Indies themselves.

**Arita's Statement Queried**

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Hachiro Arita's Dutch East Indies statement was the subject of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Captain Alan Graham sought an assurance that the Government did not intend to leave solely to Japan the maintenance of peace in the waters of the Netherlands East Indies in the event of the Netherlands themselves becoming a theatre of war.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that as far as Lord Halifax was aware, the Japanese Government made no claim to be solely responsible for the maintenance of peace in these waters.

In a statement to the Press, Mr. Arita had said that the Japanese Government could not but be deeply concerned at any development consequent upon the aggravation of the war in Europe which might affect the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

**Similar Views**

Mr. Butler added: "I need hardly say that on this question His Majesty's Government holds similar views."

Mr. Robert Morgan asked whether in case of further developments in the war affecting the Far East Mr. Chamberlain would give an assurance that the Government of the United States would be consulted and whether the adoption of a mutually-agreed policy was possible.

Mr. Butler replied that it was the practice of the Government to keep the United States Government informed on all matters affecting our common interest in the Far East.

The question of future American policy in that region, however, was one on which the United States Government must naturally be the sole arbiter.

**Roosevelt's Hope**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt expressed the hope to-day that in the interests of peace the status quo in the whole Pacific could be maintained.

He was commenting on Mr. Cordell Hull's declaration.

CANBERRA, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Australian shipyards are working at a maximum capacity building anti-submarine trawlers suitable for mine-sweeping in British waters.

## German Planes Attack Convoy

### German Bombers Attacked A British Convoy On Wednesday Off The South-Eastern Coast Of Scotland, But British Warships Anti-Aircraft Gunfire Drove Them Off.

Earlier to the German attack two air raid alarms were sounded in the Orkney Islands, but no German planes were sighted.

## Abortive Raid On Shetlands

### Heinkel Chased Off By Fighters

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Heinkel plane flew over part of the Shetland Islands this morning. Fighters went up and the Heinkel disappeared.

No bombs were dropped and the air raid warning lasted only 22 minutes.

About 100 naval survivors arrived at a north-west Scottish port to-night. Many of them were wearing Norwegian caps.

**R.A.F. Losses**

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—It is learned that between April 7 and April 17 the Air Force lost 22 planes as announced by the Air Ministry.

According to figures compiled from official and reliable neutral reports, during the same period at least 29 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed and a further 19 so badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

This does not include any German planes downed by the Fleet Air Arm nor the great number of machines that must have been damaged or destroyed during the Air Force raids on Stettin and the fleet bombardment of it.

## 2,250,000 AIR RAID SHELTERS

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Over a quarter of the people in England to-day now have private A.R.P. shelters, announced Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary, Minister of Home Security and Minister in Charge of Air Raid Precautions, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Over 2,250,000 steel shelters had been delivered capable of accommodating 11,500,000 people apart from public shelters in reinforced cellars, basements, private offices and houses, he said.

A very high percentage of the city dwellers now have a protection against air raids.

## Civil Disobedience Threat In India

WARDHA, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—After four days' deliberations, in which Mahatma Gandhi participated, the Congress Working Committee has called for a general strike throughout India to prepare for the declaration of "Satyagraha" (Civil Disobedience).

The resolution recommends members of Congress who are unable to shoulder the burden of struggle under the disciplined guidance of Congress to resign their executive positions, and again emphasises fulfilment of Gandhi's conditions for the civil disobedience campaign.

**Join The Pioneer Corps Appeal**

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An appeal to men between the ages of 18 and 30 to join the Pioneer Corps was made yesterday by Major-General Belth, Director of Public Relations at the War Office.

More and more men will be needed as time goes on. Nearly a million British soldiers were to-day in France, he said.

Some were in the Near East and some in Norway. Where next they would be needed no one could say, but one thing was certain that they would be needed somewhere if freedom was to be restored to the world.

## Warships Versus Aircraft Lesson

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, said: "Germany's position in Norway appears to be still very strong, with her line of communication between Bergen and the south well maintained."

"As far as the Navy knows only one warship—a British destroyer—has been sunk by air bombing since the European war started and aircraft have accounted for only 1 per cent. of the shipping losses."

## JAPAN AND P.I. IMMIGRATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office Spokesman, Mr. Sumner, stated: "The Government is paying keen attention to the Philippine Immigration Bill. Its passage would be a great blow to Japan since it unfairly hits 2,800 immigrants a year who contribute towards the prosperity of the Philippine Islands."

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Admiral Sir Edward Evans, better known perhaps as "Evans of Broke", has been appointed as Naval Attaché to Scandinavia. He is also regional A.R.P. Director in London.

## Congress's 'No' To Dominion Status

### Position Deadlocked In India

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day in a debate on the extension of the time limit of proclamations giving executive authority to the Governors of those Indian provinces where the Congress and Ministries had resigned, Sir Hugh O'Neill declared that the provincial government in India had not broken down and that the provinces, which were working themselves, comprised one-third of British India.

Millions of people in India had been singed and deeply disappointed as a result of the conference between the Viceroy and Mahatma Gandhi ending in a deadlock, he said.

**Complete Independence**  
Sir Hugh O'Neill added: "His Majesty's Government cannot, of course, accept the Congress demand for complete independence. They note with profound regret the rejection by Congress of the Dominion Status."

He added that compliance with the demand would mean the complete severance of India from all association with the rest of the Empire and the banishment of the Crown from any place in the Indian Constitution throwing overboard the obligations to the Muslim community and other minorities and Princes.

The Viceroy, he said, had made it clear that it was the Government's policy to give full Dominion Status at the earliest possible moment and to enter into an examination of the whole constitutional sphere with all parties and interests in India.

**Advance Rejected**  
None of their advances had met with any response. If civil disobedience were to be resorted to the Government would be bound to take full measures to counteract it.

The orders of the Government must be carried out especially in time of war and he believed that the Congress leaders themselves must recognise this.

**NAVAL GUNS GO INTO ACTION**

FROM PAGE ONE

out at sea and methodically poured a hail of heavy-calibre shells into the German positions.

The aerodrome, which is some miles from the city of Stavanger, is on a plateau facing the sea. The only buildings in the immediate vicinity are hangars and offices.

One of the planes of the Coastal Command co-operated with the Navy in the bombardment of the airport, acting as "spotter" for the warships signalling by radiophone as each shell burst.

The warships were able to find their target by fires which were earlier started by incendiary bombs dropped by British planes.

The bombardment lasted altogether for 80 minutes.

As the British warships were steaming away after the bombardment ended they were attacked by German bombers. One British cruiser was hit by a bomb and was slightly damaged. It managed to continue home without help.

Earlier, R.A.F. machines bombed Trondheim aerodrome, dropping heavy bombs and starting a fire. An adjoining Nazi seaplane base was also bombed.

**MISS FLORRIE FORDE DIES**

FROM PAGE ONE

She rapidly became a popular favourite and toured London and provincial music halls.

**Royal Command Performance**  
She took part in the first Royal variety show in London in 1912.

She was a robust woman and for a long time her weight was not below 15 stone. But in 1926 she decided to take a course of slimming diets, at which her managers expressed alarm declaring that with the loss of weight she was losing her personality.

She then dropped all idea of slimming. In October 1935, she appeared at the Command variety performance and shortly afterwards appeared in the pantomime of "The Forty Thieves" at the Lyceum.

In 1934 she made one British film entitled "My Old Dutch."

## Stock Exchange Is Irregular

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Eastern bonds declined one to two points on the international stresses.

Elsewhere trading was in small movements and irregular.

The cotton company, J. and O. Coats, reports a profit of £2,100,000 compared with £1,555,000 of the previous year.

Wall Street was irregular.

## Nazi Sentenced For Espionage

GHENT, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Belgian Military Court here to-day condemned a German, Werner Mielke, a former racing cyclist, to seven years detention for espionage.

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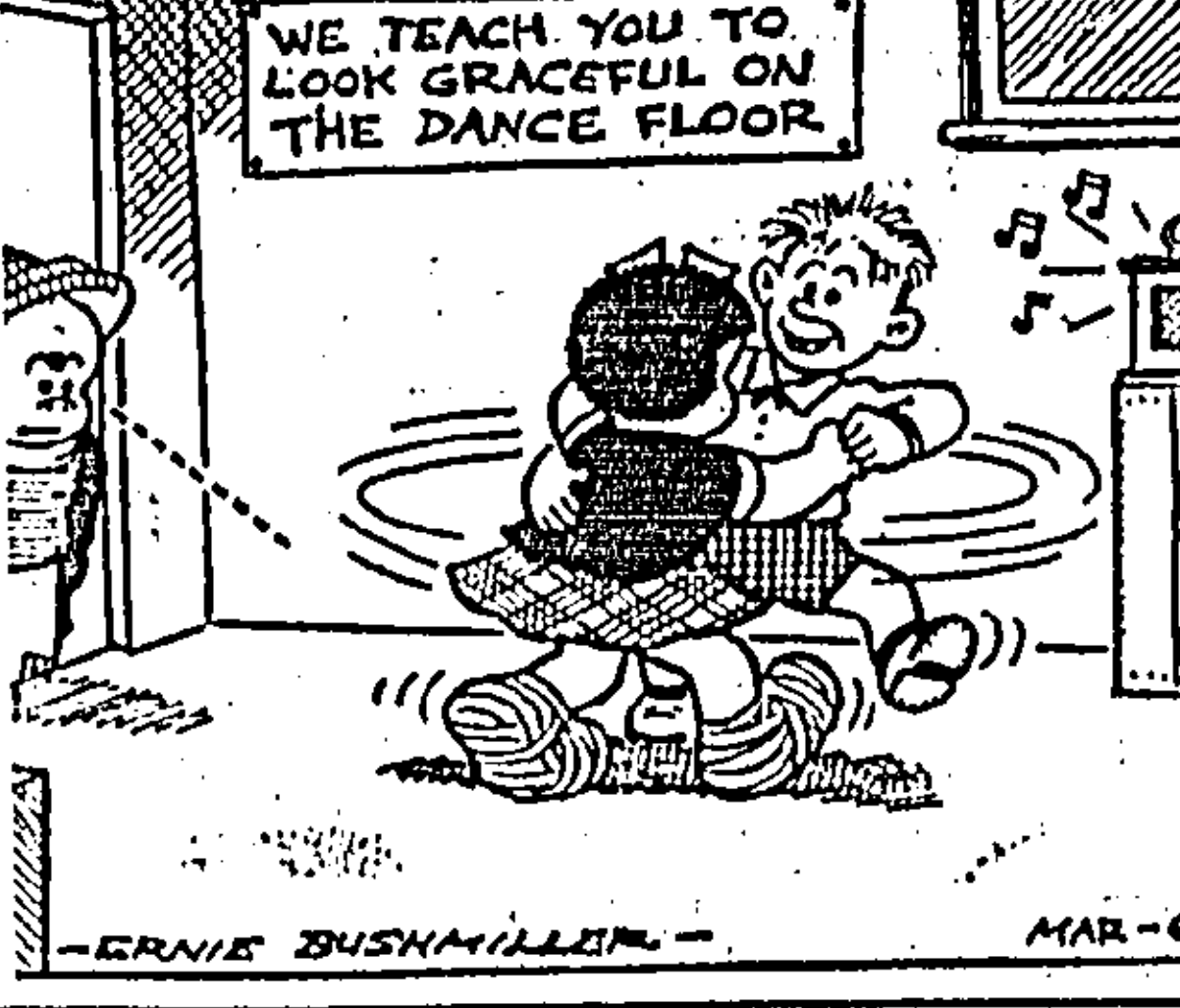
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Duke's Daughter Acquitted Of "Public Mischief"

## MISSING JEWELRY WAS IN MAID'S CARE

REGULAR FLIGHTS OVER THE REICH

AFTER SHE had explained how her "missing" jewels were found to be safe Lady Margaret Drummond-Hay was acquitted at Tisbury, Wiltshire, of causing a public mischief.

Lady Margaret, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, was accused of falsely stating that jewellery valued at £100 had been stolen from her home, Dennis Farm House, Tisbury.

She said that as she could not find the jewels after her groom, Harry Hart, had absconded, she thought they were missing and told the police.

Afterwards she found they were safe at her mother's London house.

## KISSED BY HUSBAND

As soon as the magistrates' decision was announced Lieutenant J. R. Drummond-Hay, of the Coldstream Guards, walked across the court and kissed his wife.

Mother and daughter embraced outside the police station.

"It is all due to an extraordinary coincidence," said Lieutenant Drummond-Hay.

Opening the case, Mr. W. Ireland said that on May 8 last Lady Margaret reported that her groom was missing, and three days later that a quantity of jewellery was also missing.

She said she thought the jewellery was valued at £25.

Later she said she found that there was a considerably greater quantity of jewellery missing.

Through her maid, Miss Brenda Fitchett, the police learned that when Lady Margaret returned from London on June 25 she brought a number of jewel cases in which were almost the whole of the missing articles.

## MISSING GROOM

When the police saw Lady Margaret she at first denied that any of the jewellery had been found.

Later she produced a number of jewel cases and said: "It is most extraordinary."

"Here are a lot of the things I thought were stolen. The stuff must have been left in my London house."

Police Constable Iles, in evidence, said Lady Margaret told him that her groom, Harry Hart, was missing.

She alleged that he had obtained goods in excess of a livery she had authorised him to get.

Answering Mr. H. G. Garland, defending, he said that he showed Lady Margaret a photograph of Hart in the "Police Gazette."

Mr. Garland: He is a man with a bad criminal record and he was wanted for another offence at that time, so that any effort you or any other police officer made to catch him was not exactly wasted?—Not exactly.

Miss Brenda Fitchett, Lady Margaret's maid, described how she unpacked some dressing cases on June 25 and found some of the jewellery.

She said that Hart once asked her where the jewellery was kept, but she did not tell him.

## OTHER CLAIMS

Mr. F. J. Price, of a London firm of assessors, said a claim entered for jewellery totalled £1,222 17s.

It was not paid, and the claim was withdrawn on June 26.

The letter withdrawing the claim said: "Lady Margaret Drummond-Hay is very pleased to report that some of her missing jewellery has now been found."

Mr. Ireland: Have you received any other claims from Lady Margaret under this policy in respect of lost jewellery?—We have.

Have you replaced it in kind or paid in cash?—Both.

Mr. Garland said the jewels, unknown to Lady Margaret, were in a safe place in her mother's London house.

When the groom absconded, Lady Margaret's maid told her that he had been inquiring about the jewels, and when she could not find them at her country house she thought they were missing and informed the police.

## "POLICE WRONG"

Lady Margaret said in evidence that the police were wrong when they stated that she said the missing jewellery was worth £25.

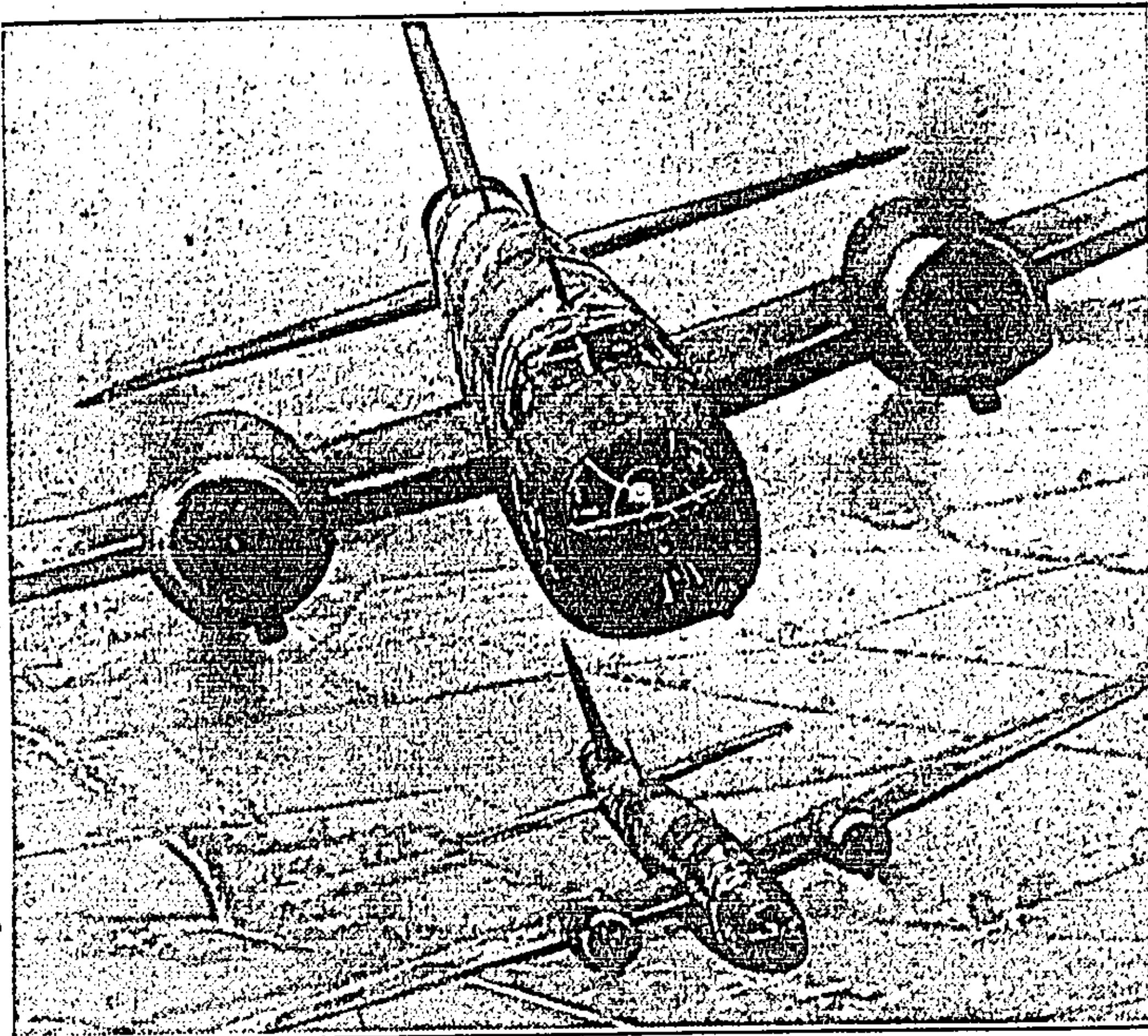
The £25 referred to the value of clothing obtained by Hart. She valued the jewellery at £100.

Mr. Ireland: Did you claim £1,222 from the insurance company in respect of the same jewellery?

Lady Margaret: Yes. It was insured at the price, but it was only actually worth about £100.

Miss Clara Waters, maid at the Duchess of Hamilton's London house, said that when Lady Margaret left to go to Wiltshire in March the jewellery was left in a drawer, so she took it to her own bedroom for safety.

The jewels were in her custody from March to June.



Nazi bomber victim

## Two crews perish in bad-luck ship

RESCUED THEN MINED



THE superstructure of the British steamer Royal Crown after it had been bombed and machine-gunned off the east coast of England.—Domel.

## PAID THREEPENNY DEBT 18 YEARS AFTER

CHARLES KAY had a shave at Barber Harrison's, of Henshaw Street, Oldham, and found he had only paper money. Mr. Harrison could not change it.

"It will do next time," he said, and Charles Kay went away owing threepence.

Soon afterwards he sailed for Canada: settled in Montreal. The other day Private Charles Kay,

of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, walked into Mr. Harrison's shop and paid his debt of 3d.—for the shave he had 18 years ago.

"You said it would do next time," he explained, "and this is it."

But then Charles Kay is rather

THREE men were found floating on a raft in the English Channel. They had lived on the raft for two days without food or water.

A youth of eighteen was found clinging to an overturned boat. He and the three men were the only survivors of sixty-eight men who put to sea in two bad-luck ships.

The First Ship was the steamer Thurston, from West Hartlepool. She was not always unlucky. She made many trips to Spain during the civil war, dodged bombs many times, and was hit only once.

But on this voyage things went wrong.

Her captain, the second mate, and nine of the crew fell ill. She put them ashore at Lisbon, and the captain died the same day.

Their Luck Changed

The other men recovered. The Thurston sailed again. Then entered—

The Second Ship, the French collier S.M.A.1, of 2,670 tons.

The two boats collided. The French boat sank as her crew of 38 scrambled aboard the Thurston.

Next day, off the West Coast of England, the ill-starred Thurston struck a mine. Down she went.

Most of the men saved from the French bad-luck ship were below. They went down with her.

Two boats and a raft got away. One boat held three men. It vanished. The second held two men. It turned over.

One of the men was lost. The other—the youth of 18—who was from the French ship—managed to hold on.

The men on the raft were three Indian firemen from the Thurston's crew.

But luck changed for them, and for the French youth. Ships sighted them, and took them safe to port.

meticulous about promises. When he embarked for Canada his little niece was in tears.

"Don't cry, dear," he said, "I'll be back for your wedding day."

When he came back to Oldham and

## Harry Tate was air raid victim

RONALD MacDonald HUTCHISON, the man who saw a name on a sugar box, adopted it and became Harry Tate, the comedian, died in a nursing home at Sutton (Surrey), victim of a German air raid.

He was appearing at Dundee last November and, during one of the first air raids, went into the street to see what was happening.

A small flying particle of a shell entered one eye. Then trouble started and he became seriously ill. He was sixty-seven when he died.

The public did not know of the tragedy of that accident. A few weeks after it happened Harry Tate was due to appear with Beatrice Little in a West End revue, "All Clear." The show is running now.

It was a chance he hadn't had for years. It might have put him back where he belonged. But the bombers flew over. Tate—adventurous always—ran out, and the opportunity was gone for ever.

## "Motoring"

Music-hall audiences will remember Harry Tate for his "Motoring," "Gardening," "Fishing," "Flying," "Golfing" and "Billiards" sketches. Motoring was the most famous. For this he affected a cap pulled back so that it looked as though it was inflated with air; an outrageously coloured check suit; boots and leggings and a coat old enough to fall off.

But his chief stock-in-trade was his moustache. It was of the handlebar type, and, like his coat, always looked as though it was slipping off.

Harry Tate, a Scotsman, began his working life as a clerk in a sugar warehouse. But to use his own word, he was too "larky" for a business career. He used to mimic his superiors behind their backs, and it was as mimic that he first appeared on the stage.

Somebody spotted him at a concert, told Marie Lloyd, and with her influence he got his first big stage job—at the old Oxford music-hall in 1895.

Provincial engagements and money in the bank followed. A year or two later Harry Tate bought his first car. It was that motor-car and all the difficulties he had with its intricate mechanism that gave him the idea for the "Motoring" sketch.

Hauptmann, aged 6 (LINDBERGH KIDNAPPER'S SON) awarded £5,000

SIX-YEAR-OLD New York. Manfred Hauptmann, son of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who went to the electric chair on April 3, 1936, for the kidnap murder of the Lindbergh baby, was awarded £5,000 damages by a New York jury to-day.

He claimed for injuries suffered when a motor-car knocked him down on May 4, 1936.

He is subject to a form of epilepsy as a result of the accident, and has a permanent leg injury.

Justice William Love told the jury: "I caution you, don't be influenced in your finding by the name this boy carries."

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## German Girls May Now Marry Dead Soldiers

GERMAN girls are now able to become the wives of soldiers who are at the front and may even be dead.

Announcing this war-time emergency law, the German radio said it was without precedent in any country.

Under the new law a soldier at the front may declare to his commanding officer his intention to marry.

On the strength of this his bride-to-be may register the marriage in the bridegroom's absence within two months, says "Reuter".

If the soldier dies his bride may register the marriage as if he were alive.

The provision aims at the protection of expectant mothers who had no opportunity to marry before war.

## HURT IN CAR CRASH



JOE E. BROWN, who has just recovered after being involved in a serious car crash.

## WOULD RATHER KILL HER SON

The mother of a Newcastle man appealing against the decision of the local tribunal, which registered him for military service, told the Appeal Tribunal in London that she would not allow him to go to war.

"I would rather kill him myself," she said when her son's appeal was dismissed.

The man, J. N. Brown, of Severus-road, Fenham, Newcastle, said he wanted to register as a conscientious objector in June, but his father would not allow him. He registered when he was called for his medical examination.

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French Ambassador on Way Back to Shanghai Ceylonese Believed to Have Committed Suicide

The French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, arrived yesterday by plane from Chungking. His visit, it was stated, was purely normal as he was on his way back to Shanghai. He is expected to remain in the Colony for a few days.

M. Cosme was met by officials of the French Consulate, and several prominent Chinese included Dr. C. T. Wang, former Ambassador to...

Missing since Saturday, the body of Peoria da Silva, a native of Ceylon, was found on the beach at Deep Water Bay yesterday. No marks of violence were found and it is believed he committed suicide, by drowning.

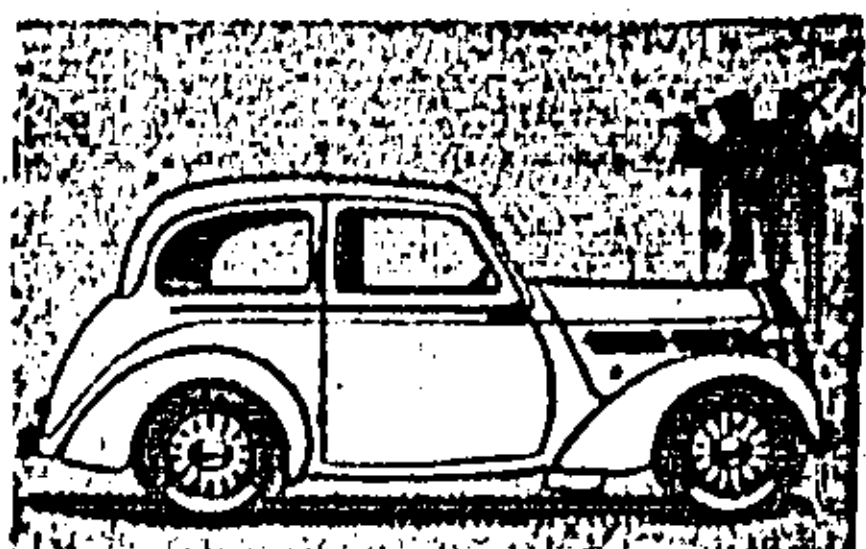
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## MORE U.S. PLANES FOR ALLIES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Arthur Purvis, head of the Anglo-French Purchasing Commission, has announced that contracts were signed in New York yesterday for "huge quantities" of Curtiss pursuit planes and Douglas bombers.

He added that another contract was concluded and would be signed immediately for a type of plane which Mr. Purvis did not identify but which is one of the remaining late types of planes released for foreign sale by the War Department last week.

## Torpedoed Crew's Shocking Experience

# 15 DIE FROM SLOW STARVATION AND THIRST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 18 (UP).—Of twenty-four members of the crew of the Stanhope Steamship Company's new steamer Stancliffe, who took to a lifeboat after the ship was torpedoed without warning, only nine survived the terrible ordeal of slow starvation and thirst before rescue came to hand.

The Stancliffe was torpedoed last Friday and the nine survivors spent a week in an open lifeboat without food.

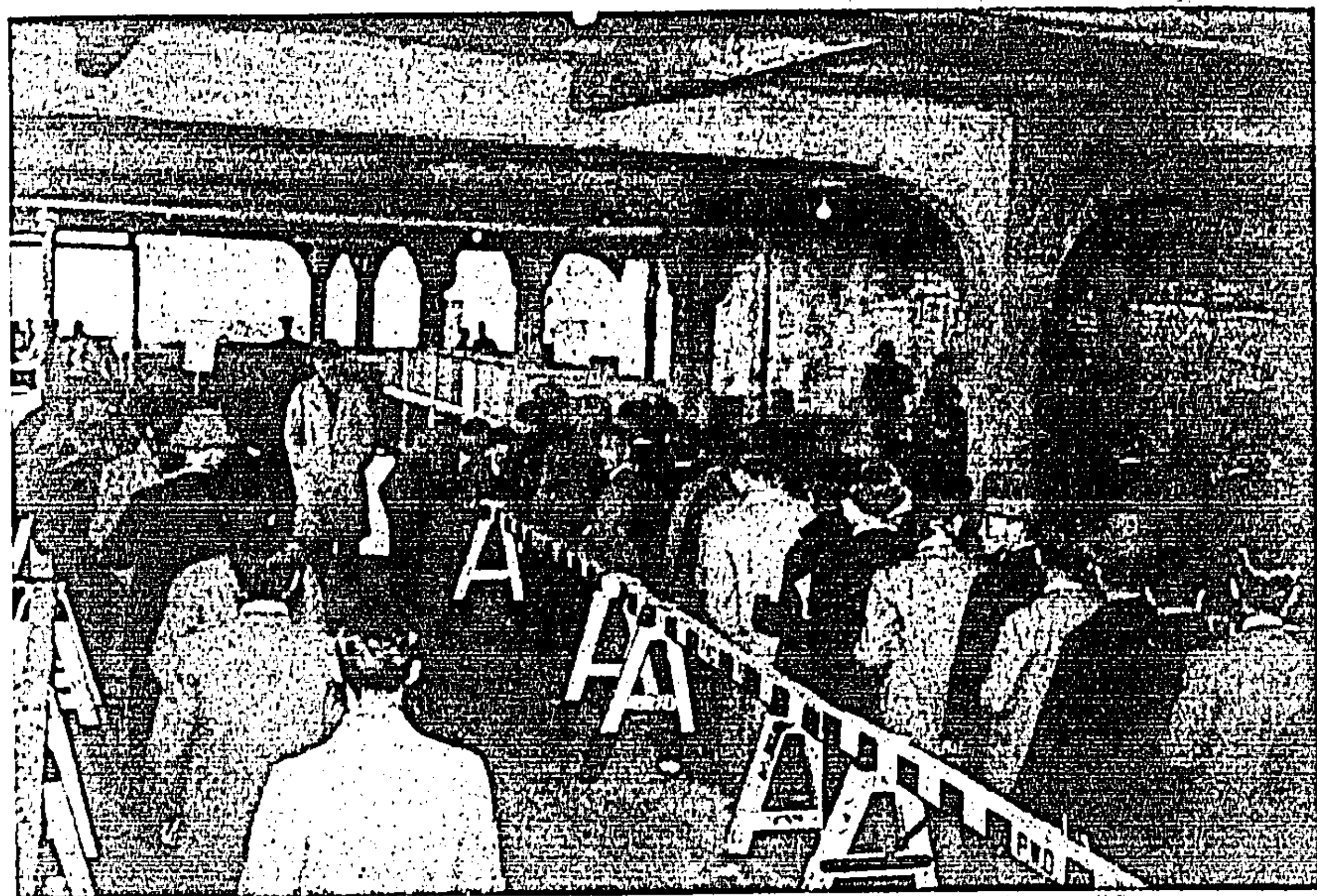
Dramatic stories of their ordeals were told by those of the survivors who were able to speak to-night.

### Carpenter's Story

One of the survivors was William Hickey, the ship's carpenter. He said:

"We were 40 miles off the Scottish coast last Friday when a U-boat fired two torpedoes at us without warning."

"The terrific explosions completely destroyed the bridge, and the blast either swept the Captain overboard or killed him. We never saw him again."



LONG QUEUES lined up at the polling booths in Shanghai for the Shanghai Municipal Council elections, which resulted in an overwhelming victory for the "Anglo-Saxon bloc." This photograph, just received in Hongkong, shows some of the voters.—Dante.

## Nazi Spies In United States

More Active Than They Were In Norway

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Martine Dies, Chairman of the Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities, stated that Nazi and Communist agents, for the purpose of sabotage and espionage, have penetrated key American industries "vital to the country in case of war and also to the Allies if large shipments to them are planned."

Mr. Dies said that his Committee was looking into the situation and added: "I am going to show that in the United States we have a Trojan horse situation worse than Norway's."

## Peace Memorial Scholarship Result

# Orient's Highest Scholastic Honour Won By C.B.S. Boy

TO WILLIAM PRYDE, prominent Central British

School footballer, cricketer and athlete, has fallen the greatest scholastic honour to be obtained by British boys in the Far East—the Peace Memorial Scholarship of £1,350.

The scholarship entitles the holder to three-years residence at a University in England as well as a first-class passage to home and back.

### Follows Brother's Footsteps

Pryde's achievement is made all the more remarkable by reason of the fact that he has followed in his brother's footsteps. Two years ago, Walter Pryde, who was also a C.B.S. student, won the Peace Memorial prize and is now studying at Cambridge University.

Previously two scholarships were awarded annually to British boys in China. Last year only one was available and strong competition was forthcoming, especially from Tientsin and Shanghai.

The object of the scholarship as laid down by the founder is to encourage boys to turn to the laboratory, the workshop or the land.

The winners of the scholarship may choose any University for the continuance of his studies, but it is stipulated that one of the following subjects must be taken: Electrical Engineering, Synthetic Chemistry, Practical Farming, or Horticulture.

The successful candidate is chosen by the Examination Syndicate of Cambridge University.

### Fine Sportsman

Like his brother, William is not only a brilliant scholar, but a first-class sportsman. An excellent all-round cricketer he has for two years been captain of the C.B.S. first eleven, and this season has made a name for himself in Hongkong league football.

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## Turkey May Be Dragged Into War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Apr. 18 (UP).—A French military mission has arrived from Syria to commence talks with the Turkish General Staff.

Meanwhile, the return of the British envoys to their Turkish and Balkan posts from the conference in London is expected to mark new and firmer Allied policies towards Germany.

This may inspire German military action in south-eastern Europe when the Allied plan becomes effective.

Some quarters even predict a situation in which Turkey will find that she can no longer remain aloof from the war, despite the current Italian manoeuvres in the Mediterranean.

Two Germans were expelled today.

### Turkey's Precautions

ISTANBUL, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Bill ensuring "national safety from within" will shortly be introduced in the National Assembly by the Turkish Parliament, it is reported from Ankara.

Military courts will be established at each army corps headquarters for the trial of offences coming under the category of, firstly, espionage; secondly, knowingly spreading false news detrimental to the country's interests; thirdly, spreading false news relating to national defence; fourthly, divulging military secrets.

Those found guilty will be liable to severe penalties from which there will be no appeal.

## FURTHER PRECAUTIONS BY NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

LONDON, APR. 18 (REUTER).—FOLLOWING MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON, "REUTER" LEARNS ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO FEELING IN LONDON THAT THE BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF ATTACK, LITTLE DOUBT IS HELD THAT ALLIED FORCE WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE USED TO PROTECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE BALKAN COUNTRIES AGAINST ANY THREAT THAT MIGHT ARISE.

IT IS POINTED OUT THAT DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR THE BALKAN ENTENTE IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND TO DEVELOP THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE BALKAN COUNTRIES.

It is recognised in London that the independence of each country is of common interest to all and anything that can be done to promote real Balkan solidarity will be done.

## TRADE ASSISTANCE

It is understood that the work of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation will be directed to supplementing rather than supplanting the existing channels of trade.

The purpose is to develop commercial exchanges on a permanent basis.

It is understood that this involves assistance to the Balkans to develop their own resources.

To a considerable extent the trade will likely be on a barter basis and the question of enabling the Balkan countries to buy production goods on a kind of instalment system and paying for them with their own products would receive the most sympathetic consideration.

## SWITZERLAND PREPARED

ZURICH, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"We will attack energetically everywhere" are the words in a decree signed by M. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, President of the Swiss Confederation, and General Guisan, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, regarding arrangements in case of a surprise invasion.

Soldiers on leave, except those abroad, and all military vehicles and draught horses will be immediately mobilised.

The decree envisages measures against parachutists, saboteurs and propagandists serving the enemy, and enjoins the civilians to obey the military authorities.

The decree is not due to a deterioration of the situation, which is considered to have improved slightly.

### Swiss Mobilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ZURICH, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Federal Council has called up 55,000 more territorials, of which about 32,000 will be called on May 6 and June 17.

### Swiss Measures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BASLE, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Federal Council and Swiss Army Command have issued a joint statement, announcing that measures have been adopted in order to meet the menace of any surprise invasion of Switzerland.

The announcement is directed to the civilian population and militia.

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## Body Found At Deep-Wtr. Bay

Identified As Mr. L. G. H. Peris De Silva

The body of Mr. L. G. H. Peris de Silva, aged 27, a native of Galle, Ceylon, who was employed by Messrs. A. J. Windsor and Co., of Hankow Road, Kowloon, was found by the Water Police at Deep Water Bay yesterday afternoon.

The deceased came to Hongkong precisely two years ago as a jewellery salesman, and he had been missing since Saturday last, which was his birthday.

A unique Buddhist ceremony in the Sinhalese language will take place at the Colonial Cemetery, and the cortege will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Admiral Sir Edward Evans, better known perhaps as "Evans of Broke", has been appointed as Naval Attaché to Scandinavia. He is also regional A.R.P. Director in London.

## PACIFIST ACCUSED OF STABBING JUDGE

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A man named Best appeared in the Manchester Police Court to-day and pleaded not guilty to stabbing Judge Burgess, Chairman of the Lancashire-Cheshire Conscription Objectors' Tribunal.

The incident occurred on April 5 when Judge Burgess was stabbed four times in the back at the station while awaiting a train. He was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

The defendant Best reserved his defence and was committed to trial. It was stated that on the day before

## NAVAL GUNS GO INTO ACTION

Stavanger Shelled From The Sea

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1918 BRITISH NAVAL GUNS HAVE GONE INTO ACTION AGAINST AN OBJECTIVE ASHORE.

Recalling the bombardment of Gallipoli just twenty-five years ago this month, the guns of H.M. ships off the Norwegian coast poured a rain of shells into the Nazi airport outside Stavanger at dawn yesterday, according to a "Reuter" message.

### An Easy Target

The naval bombardment was preceded by two heavy aerial attacks by British bombers. The main aerial raid was carried out at dawn, the British planes thoroughly bombing the runway and some transport planes on the edge of the field.

Simultaneously with the aerial bombardment, the guns of the British warships went into action. The aerodrome provided an easy target for the warships, which stood

## LATEST

## WARNING TO SKIPPERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Norwegian Legation issued a warning to captains of all Norwegian ships in foreign seas to-day. False instructions, said the Legation, were being issued to the Norwegian captains.

These instructions purported to come from the Norwegian Shipowners' Association in Oslo.

But the Germans in Oslo were forcing the shipowners and the Shipowners' Association to give orders under duress.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister has instructed masters of all Norwegian vessels in the Far East or in American waters to contact the Norwegian Consulate in New York.

### German Announcement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone, Apr. 18 (UP).—The German Consul, Herr

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## NOT BLOODLESS CAPITULATION

Dances Fought Until  
Ordered To Stop

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A denial that the Danish Army surrendered without fighting was made by Princess Margrethe of Denmark, who is at present in Paris.

One of the Jutland regiments fought a rear-guard action, she says, and lost many men.

The order to stop resistance took several hours to reach some regiments which were standing up to an enemy superior in numbers.

Her nephew, commanded the Palace Guard, which opened fire at the approaching Nazis.

Danish Army Dismissed  
COPENHAGEN, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—According to the official German news agency, the whole of the Danish Army has been dismissed except for the small detachments required for guard and patrol duty.

The training of officers and N.C.O.'s will continue.

## MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

Gayda States Italian  
Attitude

ROME, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"Italy's Mediterranean policy is not a policy of domination but of collaboration with all the Powers, and primarily with the Mediterranean nations," writes Signor Gayda in the "Giornale d'Italia."

"The Mediterranean system which Italy has in mind must be based on the equilibrium of rights and national strength and on an international guarantee of freedom of movement and of exit."

"This system also implies collaboration between Italy and Islam in conformity with Italy's traditional and present policy both in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea," he concludes.

## \$964,000,000 For U.S. Warships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Bill appropriating \$964,000,000 for the United States Navy during the Fiscal year beginning on July 1 was passed by the Senate to-day and sent back to the House of Representatives for action on minor amendments.

The measure includes funds for the laying down of two new battleships which may be as large as 50,000 tons each.

Eight other United States battleships are already in the course of construction.

## NAZI-ITALIAN MISSIONS

BERLIN, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The exchange of military missions composed of experts and technicians will presently take place between Italy and Germany.

Some of these missions have already arrived in Rome.

This report is contained in a telegram received in Berlin from an official communiqué issued in Rome.

## Labour Party To Be Non-Communist

SYDNEY, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. J. O. Lang, former Labour Premier of New South Wales, to-day formed a new Australian Labour Party to be styled "Non-Communist."

He has the support of eight State and seven Federal members of Parliament.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager,  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY  
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### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
Co., LTD.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### G. R.

#### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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## BATTLE OF NARVIK

### The Germans Issue Their Version

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Berlin High Command have issued their version of the naval battle at Narvik, describing it as the "full story of the heroic flight of light German naval forces off Narvik."

This version states that German destroyers commanded by Commodore Bonte (who was subsequently reported to be killed) entered the West Fjord in darkness and most unfavourable weather.

On April 10 at the appointed time they were in position at Narvik. Two Norwegian armoured ships in harbour disobeyed the German order not to resist and opened fire against the Germans. They were sunk.

#### British Ships Sunk

Then under cover of the destroyers, German troops landed.

Early on April 10, British cruisers and destroyers for the first time pushed forward against Narvik. The attack was repelled after a fierce battle. Three British destroyers were sunk and another was badly damaged.

Two German destroyers were so seriously damaged that they had to be abandoned the following morning.

The German destroyers, which had to stay in harbour to refuel and for repairs, repulsed further British air attacks.

On April 13 British forces, which meanwhile had been heavily reinforced, started their main attack. The German ships accepted the struggle.

Then They Retreated

Not before the last shell had been fired did the German ships withdraw into an interior part of the Fjord.

Now the German ships concentrated on saving as much material and as many soldiers as possible for the defence of Narvik.

In order to cover the disembarkation of the German crews, one destroyer was placed across the narrow fjord and this, under heavy fire of the enemy, used the remainder of the ammunition to keep the enemy back.

"The superior enemy forces, therefore, were unable to sink a single German ship so long as she had not fired the last round of ammunition," the communiqué stated.

## AIRCRAFT SCORES

### British Planes Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An official Admiralty communiqué states that in the course of the last two days highly successful operations have been carried out by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

On April 16 enemy shipping was attacked off Bergen and one transport was sunk. In addition a submarine on the surface was attacked and one hit was obtained.

#### Two Nazi Planes Downed

On April 17, our aircraft repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which were endeavouring to attack H. M. ships on their return from the bombardment of the Stavanger Aerodrome.

One Heinkel and one Dornier flying boat were shot down while two more Heinkels and another Dornier were damaged.

All our aircraft returned safely. It is further notified that the cruiser announced yesterday as damaged by an air attack after the bombardment of the aerodrome has reached her base.

## Policing The Danube

### Decision Welcomed In London

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The decision of the International Commission to institute special measures to control the traffic on the Danube has been well received here.

It is important not only from an economic and maritime point of view but also because of political implications.

An important decision affecting the common interests of the States along the river was reached unanimously by the Hungarians, Rumanians, Yugoslavs and Bulgarians in defence of their rights in their own waters, and the determination to keep them free from the influence or actions of the belligerents.

The agreement is a distinct move to maintain peace in south-eastern Europe.

Now Provision

BUCHAREST, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In connection with the agreement covering the policing of the Danube by the states bordering the river, a new decision has been reached which is of particular interest.

All ships and crews must produce evidence of their bona fides. This agreement has been widely hailed as a sign of agreement existing between Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

## SHIPPING LOSSES

### Only 1% Of Britain's Tonnage Affected

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Sir Arthur Salter, of the Ministry of Shipping, stated to-night that allowing for new construction, capture and purchase, Britain has well over 99 per cent as much tonnage as at the outbreak of war.

Our average monthly rate of loss up to now is 88,000 tons compared with 154,000 tons over the whole four years of the last war.

Heavy Nazi Losses

Losses to the German merchant navy by capture, sinking or scuttling have been three times as great as the British losses, and have amounted to one-tenth of the German total tonnage.

Danish vessels in Danish ports have fallen under German control, but the great bulk of Danish ships and almost all Norwegian ships are happily elsewhere and can continue upon their lawful occasions.

We are bound to take measures to prevent German orders being obeyed and Danish ships earning money for the Germans.

## REYNAUD'S TRIUMPH

### Cheered By All Sections Of French Senate

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The second session of the Senate which began last Tuesday ended to-day.

It proved a great personal triumph for M. Paul Reynaud, the Premier, who spoke for an hour at the end of the debate and reviewed the entire military, political and diplomatic situation.

No vote was taken as the object of the debate was only to hear reports from the army, navy and air commissions of the Senate.

Storm Of Applause

However, prolonged applause from all sides of the House at the end of the Premier's speech indicated the Senators' sentiments.

A storm of applause greeted M. Reynaud's emphatic declaration that the Government intended to pursue its efforts to win the war in the closest co-operation with Parliament.

According to all signs, the development of the war situation and the Government's handling of it has enormously strengthened M. Reynaud's parliamentary position.

## THE LESSON OF NORWAY

### Invasion Is Warning To Other Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Commenting on the lesson which Norway has provided for the other neutrals, the "Manchester Guardian" says that we have been astonished at events in Norway, at the treachery of attack from within and at the easy seizure of important points because no one thought it necessary to protect them.

The "Manchester Guardian" also mentions an order which was purported to have come from the Norwegian Foreign Minister which caused the Norwegian fleet to land its crews, offer no resistance and throw away the strong defences of Oslo Fjord.

Just because the Norwegian expedition was sheer madness the Nazis were able to surprise us, says the "Manchester Guardian," and were able to land unopposed and to dig themselves in.

The paper admonishes the other neutrals to heed the warning.

## Y.M.C.A. Wind Up Hockey Season On Saturday

THE Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB'S season is coming to a close this Saturday with two Intra-Club matches on the "Y" ground, where tea will be served, if the weather permits, and photographs taken.

The first match will start at 3 o'clock, and will be between the "Y" Ladies (Cae Clark Champions for the fourth successive year) and the Men's 2nd XI.

The second match will be between the Civilian and Service members of the 1st Team; Service members are asked to wear white shirts.

The teams are as follows: Civilian—Benwell, A. N. Other and Yuriff; Kempton, McLean and Broch; Smith, Colledge, Taylor, Gilchrist and Bates.

Services—Dove; Jordan and Tomlinson; Coombe, Pennington and Walcott; Highlands, Gemmell, White, Corser and Walls.

2nd XI—Millington; Killean and Grant; Ireson, Smith and Jeffrey; Banks, Dornier, Stone, Greenberg and Bevan.

CABARET DANCE

Members and friends are reminded that the Club's end of season cabaret dance is being held in the Peninsula Hotel to-night, when the proceeds will go to the B.W.O.F.

Tickets—\$3.50 double and \$2.00 single—may be obtained at the door. Non-members are welcome.

## Appeal By The Soong Sisters

### Ask United States For Friendly Aid To China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In their first joint broadcast, the three Soong sisters, who are together in Chungking for the first time to-day, appealed to America for her continued friendly aid to China.

Madame Sun Yat-sen began the morning's programme, which was relayed to the United States. Her broadcast reached approximately four million listeners, it is estimated.

Madame Sun's appeal was followed by talks by Madame H. H. Kung and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

According to Chinese Press reports the three sisters left this morning for Chengtu to inspect industrial and co-operative organisations there.



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# MAGAZINE PAGE

The Private Lives of—

## Elizabeth and Essex

FILM: "Elizabeth & Essex".  
STARS: Bette Davis, Errol Flynn.

VERDICT: Outstanding.

HERE IS a film that will leave you breathless, both for its remarkable Technicolour—perhaps the best ever seen on the screen—and for the beauty of its acting.

Bette Davis, thrice winner of the coveted Academy award, gives one of the best performances of her career. Her performance as the "virgin" Queen is striking.

The film recounts the turbulent romance of the famous Queen and her courtier, Essex, his downfall and execution.

Errol Flynn is a fitting courtier, and the supporting cast, which includes Olivia de Havilland, Donald Crisp, Alan Hall and Henry Stephenson, are excellent.

Hongkong will get its first glimpse of the film, if it wishes, at a charity gala tonight, which will be attended by Lady Northcote, and at which the Band of the 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, will render the overtures. Miss Barbara Gilman will also give two numbers from the stage.

To-night's gala premiere is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

"The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" is to be road-shown as from to-morrow. But the extra you'll pay as roadshow prices will also go to the B.W.O.F., which should benefit substantially from the five day showing.

FILM: "Comet Over Broadway".  
STARS: Kay Francis, Ian Hunter.

VERDICT: Uncommon theme.

KAY Francis is seen in this film as a small-town wife with stage ambitions. She is flattered by the attentions of a visiting famous actor.

He is accidentally killed by her husband and the film goes on to show how the wife becomes herself a famous star in the process of making enough money to secure her husband's freedom from prison.

It is a theme somewhat out of the common rut and though some of the situations are conventional in their emotional tug, the net entertainment has much to commend it.

Kay Francis is ably supported by John Littel as her husband, Ian Hunter as a Broadway producer and Sybil Jason as the growing-up daughter.

FILM: "When To-morrow Comes".

STARS: Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer.

VERDICT: For Boyer fans.

THIS is a simple film dealing with the mere encounter of two unfortunate lovers, one of whom has a lunatic wife whose lucid moments are very rare.

Irene Dunne is a waitress and Charles Boyer a famous pianist. They meet and are improbably drawn to each other. They attend a strike meeting, go out yachting



### WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY

ORIENTAL: "When To-morrow Comes".

KING'S: "Comet Over Broadway".

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Everything's on Ice".

KING'S 9.30 p.m.: Special Premiere of "Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex".

TO-MORROW

KING'S: "Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex".

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Everything's on Ice".

ORIENTAL: "When To-morrow Comes".

get caught in a thunderstorm and escape from a hurricane on a church.

The film fades out with a wistful look on the waitress's face and the indication that these two will meet again when the coast is somewhat clear.

The two stars give competent performances. Irene Dunne sings once in addition, and the capable director has arranged it so that there is no artificiality attached to the staging of the song. Which is no mean achievement.

IN the Money: Mickey Rooney. Statisticians estimate that this young man earned for his employers during 1939 the staggering sum of £5,000,000 from world cinemas.

Not even Shirley Temple, not even Snow White, could do this.

Rooney's end of this jackpot is announced at £200 a week, with a £2,000 bonus per picture—which makes his salary £22,000 a year at nineteen.

Time reports that with this money he has acquired a ranch, a racehorse, a twelve-room home, nineteen radios, a jazz band, two dogs, the junior singles tennis championship of the Pacific South-west (though I guess he had to sweat for that), a wardrobe like Clark Gable, two cars, a hide-away apartment in Beverly Hills, a football team, a coloured valet, a collection of pipes, a golf score in the 80's, a guitar, a saxophone, two pianos, a kiss from Bette Davis, a broken leg, eighty chickens, three turkeys, six canaries and a parrot.

So busy is Rooney nowadays that he sends his pa, old-time vaudevillian "Hooper" Joe Yule, out in one of the cars to collect his "date" for the evening.

### ... There ARE NO stokers in the Navy

"THERE are no more stokers in the Royal Navy."

Stokers, as such, are a vanishing race. Stoker Arnold may be down in the Navy List as a stoker, but neither he nor any of his colleagues do any stoking.

All submarines are electrically driven, so there are no stokers to tend; neither are there any more coal-burning ships in the Navy. The men who tend the oil fires in H.M. ships now wear white overalls, and, instead of heaving shovels of coal into blazing furnaces, just turn on a tap which regulates the oil jets.

STOKING has become a kid-glove job, and it is almost the same in the Merchant Service now, as well as in the Navy.

The advent of oil fuel has done away with coal-burning ships more rapidly even than steam supplanted sail. Less than ten years ago there was hardly an oil-burning mailboat on the London-Australia run.

The old Mauretania carried 200 stokers when she burnt coal. The new one has 20 boiler-room attendants. But (I must add this) the Transatlantic record Mauretania No. 1 set up when her speed depended on the calibre of her stokers stood for 15 years.

TOWNS like Grays, Tilbury, and Gravesend have been badly hit by the vanishing of stokers from the seas. Almost since the first steamer crossed the Atlantic these towns, with Liverpool, have supplied the best steam-makers afloat.

Oil fuel was a heaven-sent blessing to the Royal Navy. Officers and men who served in H.M. ships when they burnt coal shudder if you mention those days to them, as days of which the new generation of seafarers know nothing.

Never again will a brawny, half-stoker rattle a shovel down in the bowels of a Royal Navy ship and come off with a look like a black man. Even the majority of new transport steamers nowadays enjoy the luxury of oil fuel.

NOEL MONKS.

### IN FRANCE TODAY

## THE TWO WORDS THAT MATTER

THE walls of the dead and empty city of Strasbourg are still plastered with notices over six-months old calling Frenchmen to arms.

Elsewhere, later decrees have covered that momentous summons, but this frontier city, emptied of human life almost as suddenly and as drastically as Pompeii centuries ago, serves to remind one of the mood of France at the outbreak of war.

The Frenchman knows that from the moment of his mobilisation everything about his life becomes utterly abnormal. His pay, in most cases, drops to less than twopence a day, with entirely inadequate allowances for his wife and children. His one ambition is to get the business over quickly.

There are two words, salut public—public safety—which play a very important part at such times. They explain the readiness with which the Frenchman downs tools and takes up arms. And also the readiness with which he puts into cold storage all the advantages gained after years of social struggle.

In the great Renault works at Aulnay the men, not so long ago, were giving the lead to the whole of France in the demand for a 40-hour week. Those of them who remain after mobilisation has swept over the factory are working 60 hours for the same pay at a time when the cost of living is leaping like the temperature chart of an influenza victim.

They do it because of those two words, salut public, and because they have a fairly clear idea of what would happen to them and their country if Hitler were to win.

There is now, after six months of stalemate, a growing interest in the maintenance or restoration of civil liberties.

M. Daladier recognised it ten days ago by his sudden announcement that the Press censorship, except for purely military matters, was to be abolished. The abolition certainly is not premature, for there were absurdities which almost made one doubt the united determination of the French to win the war.

The Government has returned to the sensible doctrine proclaimed by M. Clemenceau in his Ministerial declaration of November 19, 1917: "We have paid too high a price for our liberties," he said then, "to cede anything of them beyond taking care to prevent the spreading of news or inflammatory statements which might help the enemy."

In times of war, as in times of peace, freedom is exercised under the personal responsibility of the voter. Once you go beyond that rule everything becomes arbitrary or anarchical.

France is now on the eve of a much severer test of her liberties. Next week will begin the trial of the Communist deputies on the charge of "reconstituting a dissolved political party", and, although there are probably fewer people in France than here who find excuses for the close relations between Stalin and Hitler, the conduct of the trial may be one of the big events of the war.

There are many thousands of French workmen who are grateful to the dynamism and courage of the Communist leaders in their factories in the struggle for a shorter working day and who are now for the first time reading Marx and other expounders of a doctrine which has landed these local leaders in gaol.

On September 20 the Communist Party, with more than 70 members of Parliament, was dissolved.

The members were presumably still free to sit in the Chamber, but they have no power unless they belong to a recognised group. Thus

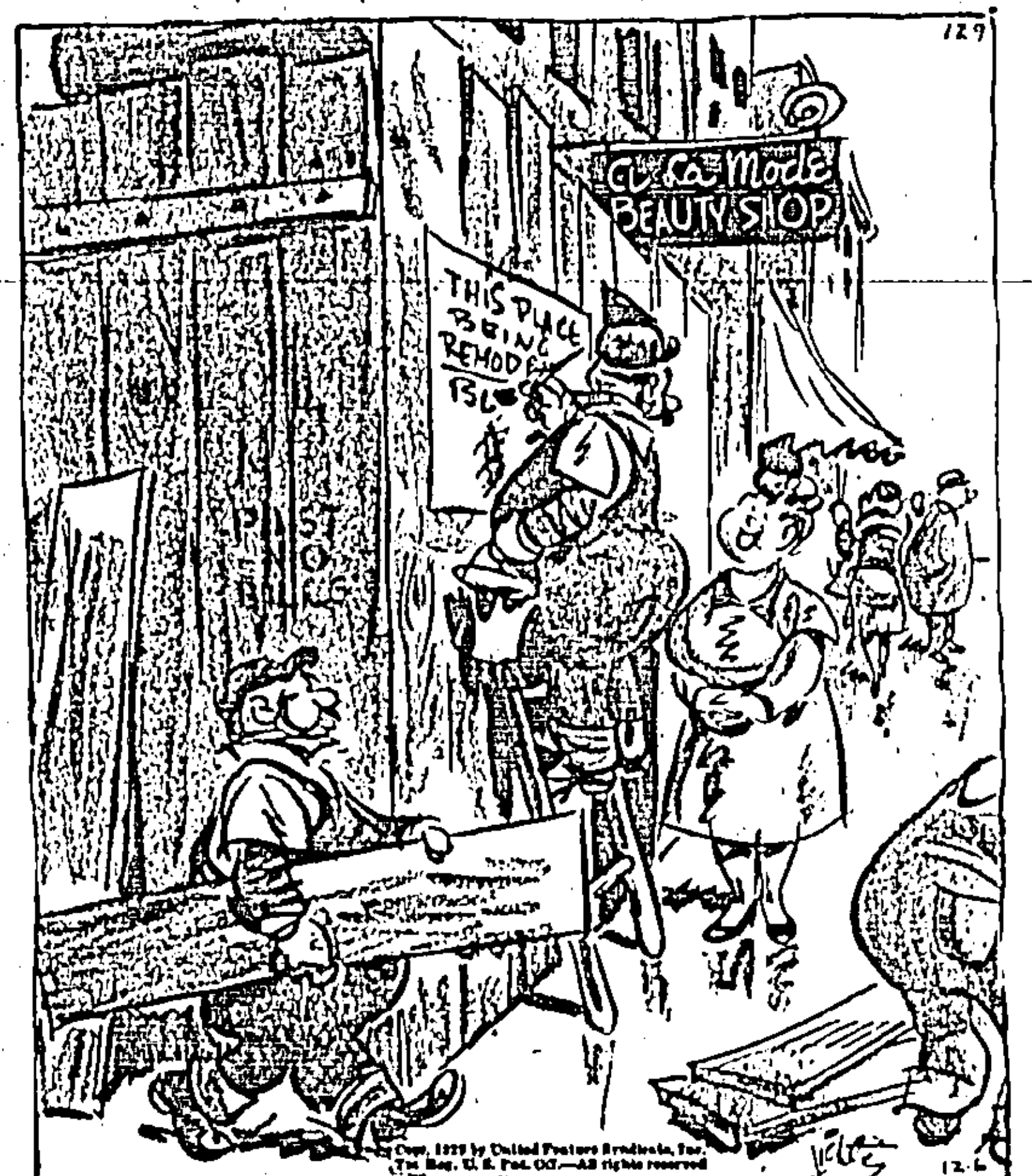
only speakers actually mandated by a recognised group may take part in debates on such important matters as the Budget.

Some 45 of them formed another group, theoretically open to members of any political party, but in fact consisting only of ex-Communists. The existence of this group was recognised by M. Herriot, President of the Chamber.

On October 1 the group sent a letter to M. Herriot urging that if, as was then expected, Hitler made a peace offer, and if it was supported by the Soviet Union, the offer should not be prejudged by attacks in the Press, but should be discussed in Parliament, to see whether "a just and durable peace" which safeguarded the independence of France was not possible.

Thereupon the members of the group were arrested and imprisoned. The right-wing Cagouards, whose treachery included the smuggling of arms believed to come from Germany, were given special treatment in the Sante prison whereas the Communists, including one man who is blind and one who lost both legs and roughly a score of others who had fought

### GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



### SPOTTING THE RANK Instructor Officers

These are differentiated from officers of the Executive branch by light blue cloth between the gold stripes on the cuffs of jackets and the shoulders of greatcoats.

When war began there were exactly 100 Instructor Officers on the active list, of whom 34 were temporary Instructor Lieutenants. Permanent ranks comprised four Instructor Captains, 41 Instructor Commanders, 16 Instructor Lieutenant-Commanders and five Instructor Lieutenants. Senior of them all is Instructor Captain A. E. Hall, who holds the appointment of Director of the

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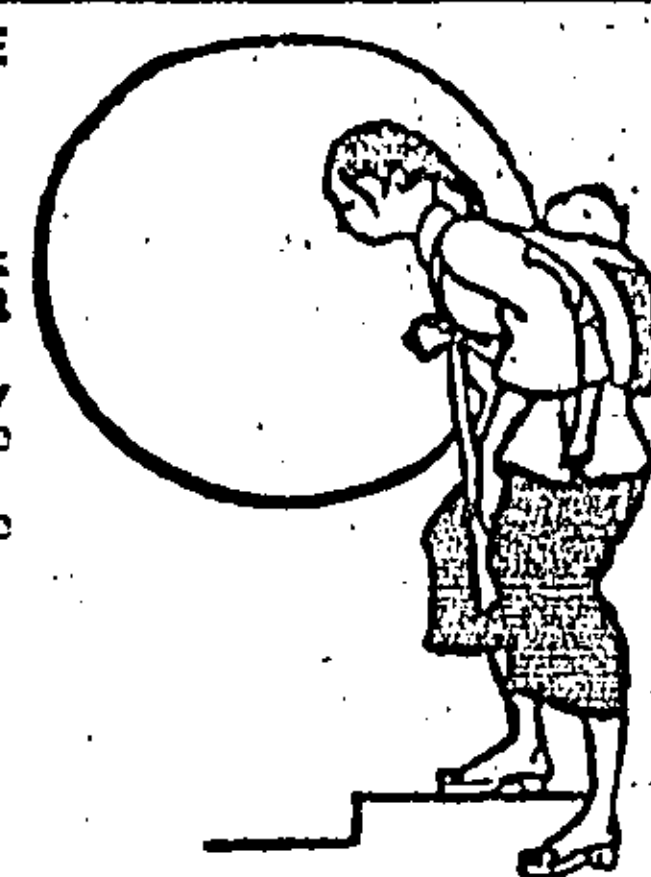
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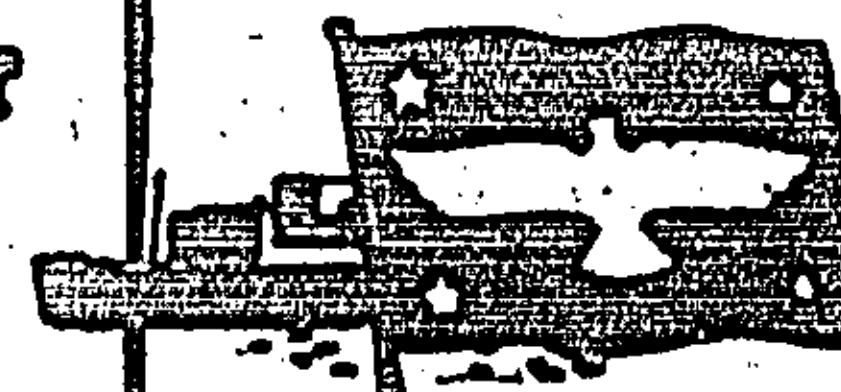
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# HOW I TRAPPED THE NAZI BUND LEADER IN AMERICA

## Tiny 'mike' exposes Nazi leader

NEW YORK.  
THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE to kill Mrs. Virginia Cogswell, the "Georgia Peach," who helped to send Fritz Kuhn, the leader of the German-American Nazis, to Sing Sing.

Dictaphone records of Kuhn's conversations in her apartments and other evidence gathered by Mrs. Cogswell, with whom the American "Little Hitler" fell in love, are being used in a new Federal Government investigation of Kuhn's activities and the affairs of his German-American Bund (the Nazi organisation in U.S.).

Now, in spite of police protection, Nazi agents shadow the Georgia Peach. One has told her to her face: "YOU WILL NEVER LIVE TO TESTIFY."

Mrs. Cogswell, beautiful counter-spy for her country, ignores the threats. Here she tells for the first time the full story of her work in trapping Fritz Kuhn.

BY VIRGINIA COGSWELL

THERE WAS NOTHING sinister about the courteous man who stepped to my side on that sultry afternoon of July 1, while I waited at Washington Airport for the New York-bound plane.

I know men. A beauty contest winner, known as the Georgia Peach, I was used to men's company.

The stranger bowed formally and asked if he might sit with me on the plane. I could see he was no flirting youth who might be obnoxious. He was middle-aged and stocky. His hard, jutting chin, military bearing and cultured accent reminded me of German Army officers I had met abroad.

He introduced himself as Harry Larsen. It was not until he took me out to dinner in New York the next evening that he confessed:

"I am really Fritz Kuhn."  
Kuhn's activities as leader of the German-American Bund were just getting under way then, in 1937. Few suspected that this American Hitler had his orders direct from Berlin. Little was known of Kuhn, and I had not heard of him. My blank look hurt his pride.

He boasted:  
"Why, I have been called America's Public Enemy Number One!"  
I thought he was a gangster. He laughed, and went on:  
"I'm not a real gangster. Political enemies call me that. Why, I have been visiting the German Legation. Upon entering, it is my task to rid the country of the real gangsters—all those who oppose me."  
"Then you are an official of the German Government?"

"No, I am an American citizen."  
**THRUSHING OUT HIS ARMY AGGRAVATION, HE EX-PLAINED THE NAZI SALUTE—A FEW YEARS IT WILL BE THE SALUTE FOR ALL AMERICANS.**  
I must admit I was becoming fascinated. He continually protested his love for me, and dazzled me with a constant round of entertainment at the best places in Manhattan.

### Fritz Gives

#### Me A Shock

One thing this Fuehrer was not discreet. So confidential did "My Fritz," as he wanted me to call him, become that he soon escorted me to the Bund's headquarters.

Then, with a flourish, Fritz led me through the heavily-guarded door into his private office. Upon entering, he immediately gave a stiff Nazi salute to a picture of Hitler on the wall. It carried the Dictator's autograph. Our rounds of the night clubs continued, with Fritz throwing money around as if he were the mint itself.

Later, I learned with a shock that Fritz had been spying on me. He warned me against my newspaper friends.

"You'll talk too much," he said grimly. "You may know a little too much. The movement cannot risk traitors. There are things, you know, that you had better forget. It is possible for people to—just disappear."

I was frightened now. Not so much for myself, as by the way Kuhn was working. I turned detective on my own account.

One thing I saw immediately I could do—keep a record of everything Fritz said.

### The Dreaded

#### Spy Ring

So I began keeping records and pretending—pretending my love for Kuhn, my devotion to Hitler.

In Albany, a legislative inquiry into New York State Nazi activities was preparing to hold sessions. In Washington, Congress was organising the Dies Committee to look into subversive activities. Kuhn was confident he could live his way out of any questioning, but

feared what others—I, for instance—might say.

He again reminded me of what might happen to me. I needed no such reminder. The newspapers often told of Nazi spy ring witnesses disappearing—and later turning up in Germany in the grip of the dread Gestapo.

Soon afterwards, Fritz was called before the New York State investigating committee, proclaimed his "Americanism" and said his only income was £10 a week, from the Bund. I knew he spent that much on a single night with me.

I felt it was high time to give my information to some agency that could use it against Kuhn. He had often cursed Congressman Samuel Dickstein, the Immigration Committee chairman who had probed Nazi activities in 1934 and had done much to create the Dies Committee. I went to see Dickstein. The Congressman complimented me on my loyalty to my country. Then he introduced me to a burly man:

"This is Richard Rollins—my good man Friday. You will work with him."

On Sept. 30 I moved to Room 405 at the Hotel Carteret.

A TINY MICROPHONE WAS INSTALLED IN THE ROOM'S TELEPHONE BOX. FROM IT, A WIRE LEAD WENT OVER THE DOOR INTO THE HALL—AND INTO ROOM 406.

I telephoned Fritz and informed him I had moved. First came six dozen roses, and then Fritz himself.

He rambled on as to how he would hide if American Government curiosity about his activities increased—he would wear "loud" clothes, cease wearing glasses, and grow a moustache.

On Oct. 4, when we recorded him again, he suggested that I pretend to help the G-men, but in reality doublecross them.

He exposed himself even more by boasting that there were Nazi spies in the Brooklyn Navy Yard whom "Uncle Sam could never catch; that in 1939 there would be a series of mysterious fires on ships at sea."

### Police Had

#### To Guard Me

At last Kuhn was arrested. New York's prosecutor, Thomas Dewey, sent an investigator down to ask my aid. I flew back to New York, and after two days, tips came in that I was in danger. I was given a new suite where two detectives, a man and a woman, kept constant guard over me.

I remained in New York six weeks. I was not put on the witness stand during the trial. Bund funds which Fritz had spent on a Mrs. Florence Camp became part of the case against him—and she testified. My records

Result: Sore feet. So an N.C.O. was sent to buy him two pairs of 3's from a French shop. They were chic.

Home on leave, Stafford was pulled up by military police for wearing civilian boots.

He showed his pass. "And I've another pair of boots like these in my kit," he told the astonished policeman, "—but with rubber heels."

These were out when Stafford went to France. He was given size 4, the smallest available.

PARTICULAR interest centres on this model of a projected U.S. aircraft carrier of 35,000 tons which in peacetime can be used as an ocean liner.—Domei.



## AIR WAS HIS LIFE —AND HIS DEATH

THE story of one of Britain's boy airmen, twenty-year-old Sergeant Edward Charles Warren-Moss, buried in a Gloucestershire cemetery after a crash while on a training flight, began when, fifteen years ago, disappointment blighted an eighty-year-old Dulwich, South East London, inventor's life.

After a waiting period of some months, the Air Ministry returned to ex-engineer, James Moss, a working model of an aeroplane which he had submitted.

So embittered was the old man at the thought of his wasted years and money that he removed the engines from the model and gave it to his small grandson as a toy.

The graceful skeleton of his discarded idea kindled in the mind of Edward Charles Warren-Moss, a craving to be an airman.

At the age of five, he began making silver and coloured models of the latest planes. He won a scholarship at Allyn's College, Dulwich.

By this time he was itching to get behind the controls of a plane. His father says:  
"Ted wanted to leave college before matriculation and join the R.A.F. 'But I refused my consent. I was hopeful that he would become a City business man and forget about flying."

First Solo Thrill  
"But he thought of nothing else, and last month joined the Air Force. His last letter to us tells how he won full marks in a difficult flying exam."

"He described, too, his thrill at his first solo flight three and a half miles above country roads along which he had many times cycled."

"Ted's grandfather was heart-broken when the Government would not take up his plan. Two years after the old man died, at the age of eighty-four, a plane similar to his was in course of production. He had invented ahead of his time."

Reached 400 m.p.h.  
The Spitfire, it may now be revealed, has reached approximately 400 m.p.h. This is Britain's fastest single-seater single-engine fighter at present in use. So far not a single one has fallen to the guns of Nazi raiders which it has intercepted over our coasts.

Even the types still in use in the R.A.F. have been made more formidable by improvements.

Our best bomber, the Wellington, now has a turret in the tail with several machine-guns. It is now so well defended that it is the most formidable bomber in service in any country. Few have been lost in action.

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That trial ended with Kuhn hearing himself sentenced as a common thief to spend from two and a half to five years in Sing Sing prison.

## HAS A PASS FOR HIS BOOTS

PRIVATE JOHN STAFFORD, of Hulme, Manchester, carries an Army pass to enable him to wear his boots.

His feet are size 3—smallest in the Army.

When he joined up, the Quarter-master-Sergeant, unable to fit him from service stock, let him keep his own boots.

These were out when Stafford went to France. He was given size 4, the smallest available.

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| DA886     | Love's roses                                    |  |
| DA886     | Drink to me only with thine eyes                | Lawrence Tibbett.                        |
| DA886     | Believe me, if all those endearing young charms |  |
| DA886     | Etude in A flat major. (Chopin).                | Alfred Cortot. Piano.                    |
| DA886     | Ah sweet mystery of life                        | Richard Crooks.                          |
| DA886     | Prelude in C sharp minor                        | Rachmaninoff. Piano.                     |
| DA886     | Bees wedding. (Mendelssohn).                    |  |
| DA886     | Ave Maria. (Bach-Gounod).                       | Gigli.                                   |
| DA886     | Agnus Dei. (Bizet).                             |  |

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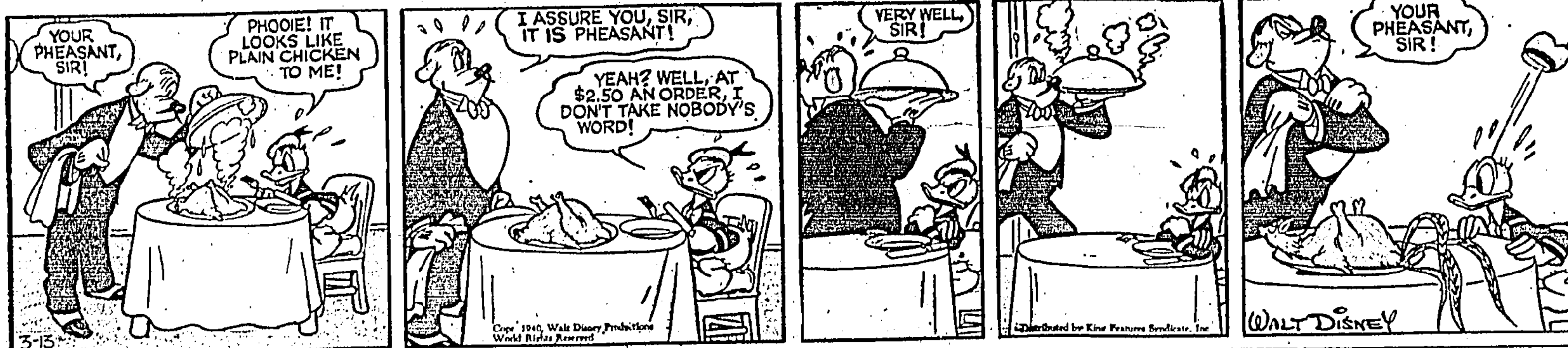
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS  
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE  
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1-Contingencies  
2-Dish of egg and milk  
3-Parish  
4-Famous blind woman  
5-Pertaining to one's birth  
6-Terminus  
7-Duped of anything  
8-Neurotic spasms  
9-Isle forth sudden  
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## THE LOVE AFFAIR OF M. RICHAUD

PARIS.  
M. ALBERT RICHAUD, mayor of the town of Valensole, near Nice, looked out of the window of his office in the main street.

He saw, working at her telephone switchboard near a window in the post office, Mlle. Odette Terrasson. The mayor was attracted. They waved to her and shouted. They arranged to meet.

It was a case of love at first sight. Two days later M. Richaud proposed marriage to Odette. "Give me time to think it over," said Odette.

The mayor looked out of his office window again in the hope of catching a glimpse of the woman he loved.

He saw her. She was off duty and she was walking along the street, arm in arm with an airman.

The mayor telephoned Odette. "It is M. Richaud speaking," he said. "I asked you to marry me. Your reply is to walk out with another man. I am going to kill myself."

Odette heard a revolver go off. She rushed from the post office to the mayor's parlour. M. Richaud had fallen, with a bullet lodged just over his heart.

He is now recovering in hospital.

## LETTERS

**'Erbert' Iggs Again**  
To The Editor,  
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mister editor,—conlume wot a skylark!

eres a lot of people rith letters to say they wants to meet mister erbert iggs an a lot of uvver people saying they knows who e is

will you please tell em mister erbert that i aint rithin any of these ere unanimes letters in i mite be in the navy an i mite be in the army an i mite be in the bloomn airforce

i am jus plain erbert iggs an i might be a sensor or an insurance bloke or i mite be a sanitary inspektor

thats one thing that i trewly aint —an thats a dockyard matey altho a lot of preepul links i am becous of the way i writes you as to be very edicated ter be in the dockyard

out ere the dockyard preepul are ord reely posh ones, they dont take their dinners to work in little red ankercheefs but they as sessidie an mash most days an kippers on friday an calls it tiffin and they washes their anks evry time they goes in the lav thots proper look style aint it but they still saves saturday nite for barfite

sorry this ere letter aint so brite mister editor but i am a bit worried abart ole alf 'e sez 'e as got honkong darg i dont know exackly wot it is but it seems ter me 'e might ave a whole blinkin litter of pipples abart

bovaduik 'e has been dashin abart way in coat talk at the oriental for the last couple of days

maybe 'e as got adletes foot—thats anuvver name fer rotten hocks

yores trevly

ERBERT IGGS

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Business was again reported in H.K. Banks at \$1,510 and Unions at \$500 but the rest of the Market was neglected.

### Buyers

Bank of E. Asia \$73  
H.K. Fire Ins \$171  
H.K. Steamboats \$11  
H.K. Docks Cum Rts \$213 1/2  
H.K. Docks X Rts \$10.40  
Providents \$4.35  
H. S. Hotels \$4.65 X.D.  
Lands \$38.05  
Realties \$4.40  
Trams \$17.85  
Electric \$95.40  
Macao Electric \$22 1/4  
Telephones (old) \$28.40  
Telephones (new) \$10  
H.K. Ropes \$5 1/2  
Dairy Farms \$21 1/2  
Watsons \$9.35  
Wm Powell \$1  
Entertainments \$6.80

### Sellers

H.K. Docks Cum Rts \$22  
Trams \$18  
Sales  
H.K. Banks \$1,510  
Unions \$500  
H. S. Hotels \$4.70 X.D.  
Electric \$65.70  
Watsons \$9.35

## MEXICAN SAFEGUARDS

Mexico City, Apr. 18.  
The Minister for the Interior has ordered an inquiry into Communist and Nazi activities in Mexico. He said anyone who was illegally in Mexico would be deported, regardless of his politics or nationality.—United Press.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1890.  
German influence has induced the Sultan of Zanzibar to withdraw the concession of the islands of Mafia and Patta from the British Africa Company. The latter's proxy has declined to accept the withdrawal.

The French papers consider that Prince Bismarck's resignation of the Chancellorship is a guarantee of peace. There is less excitement in Berlin than in any other of the European capitals. The people in Berlin express great confidence in the Emperor William.

Mr. Parnell has fled, denial of the accusations preferred against him by Captain O'Shea in connection with his association with Mrs. O'Shea. The respondent asks for a month's delay, to which the plaintiff objects, arguing that Mr. Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea are delaying the proceedings to serve the former's political ends.

Austria has resolved to spend two million florins in the purchase of smokeless powder.

A number of Maxim guns for use by British Regiments will probably reach India during the current year.

A military balloon which ascended from Berlin collapsed over the forest of Posen. A soldier who was in the car was killed, and a Captain of Engineers who was in charge had his legs broken by the fall.

### 25 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1915.  
It is stated at Rotterdam that the fighting south east of Ypres was very fierce. The wounded are being evacuated steadily. It is stated that the enemy is preparing to evacuate Menin.

Killed: Sir Roland Corbet, B. F. Douglas, G. Staniland, H. M. Whitehead (East Surreys).  
Died of wounds: A. Brickwood.  
Wounded: Second Lieut. R. Armstrong (Worcestershire), E. Dorrion Smith, J. L. Drummond, G. J. Harvey, C. H. Hood, R. H. Jackson, E. R. Last, W. E. Lloyd (Liverpool), C. Malone (Royal Scots), R. J. Milne, C. Spelling, S. Webster, F. Whitaker, B. Wreford.

To-night's "London Gazette" announces the awards of five further Victoria Crosses to the following:—  
Private Barber, of the 1st Grenadiers; For, at Neuve Chapelle, running in advance of his grenade company and throwing the bomb. When the company came up they found him quite alone, and the enemy surrendered on all sides.

Lance Corporal Fuller, of the 1st Grenadiers. For, at Neuve Chapelle, preventing, without aid, the escape of an enemy soldier from a communication trench. He killed the soldier with a bomb, and the remainder surrendered.

Lance Corporal Fuller, of the 1st Grenadiers. At Spanbroekmolen, though wounded, he led six Grenadiers to the enemy's trenches and held back the reinforcements for two and a half hours.

Private May, of the Cameronians. For, at La Fontaine, endeavouring to rescue, under the heaviest fire, a wounded man, who was killed before he was able to be saved, and, on the same day, carrying a wounded officer while exposed to a very severe fire, a distance of 300 yards into safety.

### 10 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1930.  
A crowd of 30,000 monarchists, highly enthusiastic and very orderly, to-day demonstrated loyalty to His Majesty the King in the Plaza del Toros, the principal square of Madrid.

Dr. Robert Bridges, the Poet Laureate, died at the age of 80.

### 5 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1935.  
It is understood that the naval authorities in Hongkong have made an offer through the Japanese Consulate General, to render any help that may be required in connection with the Formosa earthquake disaster. At the moment, it is not known whether any aid is needed.

Already the toll of lives has reached 2,700 and it is expected that further casualties will be reported from parts of Formosa still out of communication with the outside world because of disrupted telephone and wireless systems. Halfway too, have been discovered many tunnels having collapsed. The heaviest loss of life is reported from Taitung Province, where 1,100 are dead. Besides the killed 3,333 are injured, many of them seriously.

## VEGETARIANS WANT BUTTER

Meat rationing is in force in England, but the appeal by vegetarians for an extra ration of butter in lieu of meat is still under consideration.

The case for the vegetarians, as outlined by Mr. Frank Wyatt, secretary of the London Vegetarian Society, is that they should be allowed at least 6oz. of butter a week instead of 4oz.

"The Food Ministry," Mr. Wyatt added, "seems to think that we should make up our requirements for fats with margarine. The answer to that is that there are only three brands of margarines entirely of vegetable origin.

"These brands are not readily obtainable, and only one has vitamin A. The others have only vitamin D."

## TO-DAY'S RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.49 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dellus—Brigg Fair.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Geoffrey Toye.

12.48 J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.13 New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

Relay of Musical Comedy "1066 and All That"

1.45 Verdi's "Aida" Act III.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Lehmann—"In A Persian Garden."

6.35 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.37 The London Theatre Orchestra.

6.55 Dance Music.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Piano Selections by Billy Mayerl.

8.15 London Relay—"1066 and All That."

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Elgar—"Woodland Interlude" (from "Caractacus", Op. 35) and "Dream Children" Op. 43, Nos. 1 and 2.

London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.

9.54 Two Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

10.00 Anton Bruckner—Symphony No. 4 in E Flat Major.

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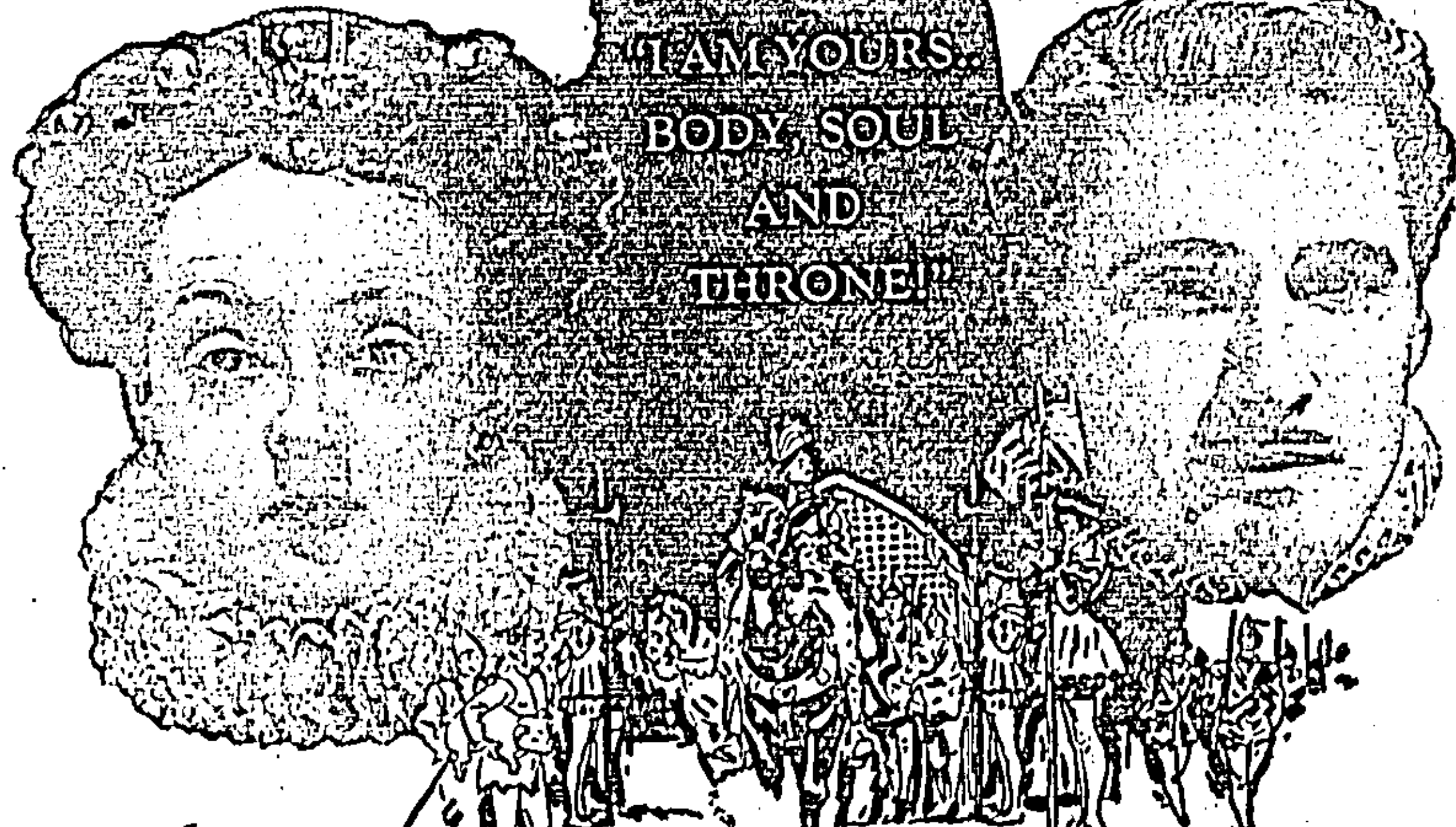
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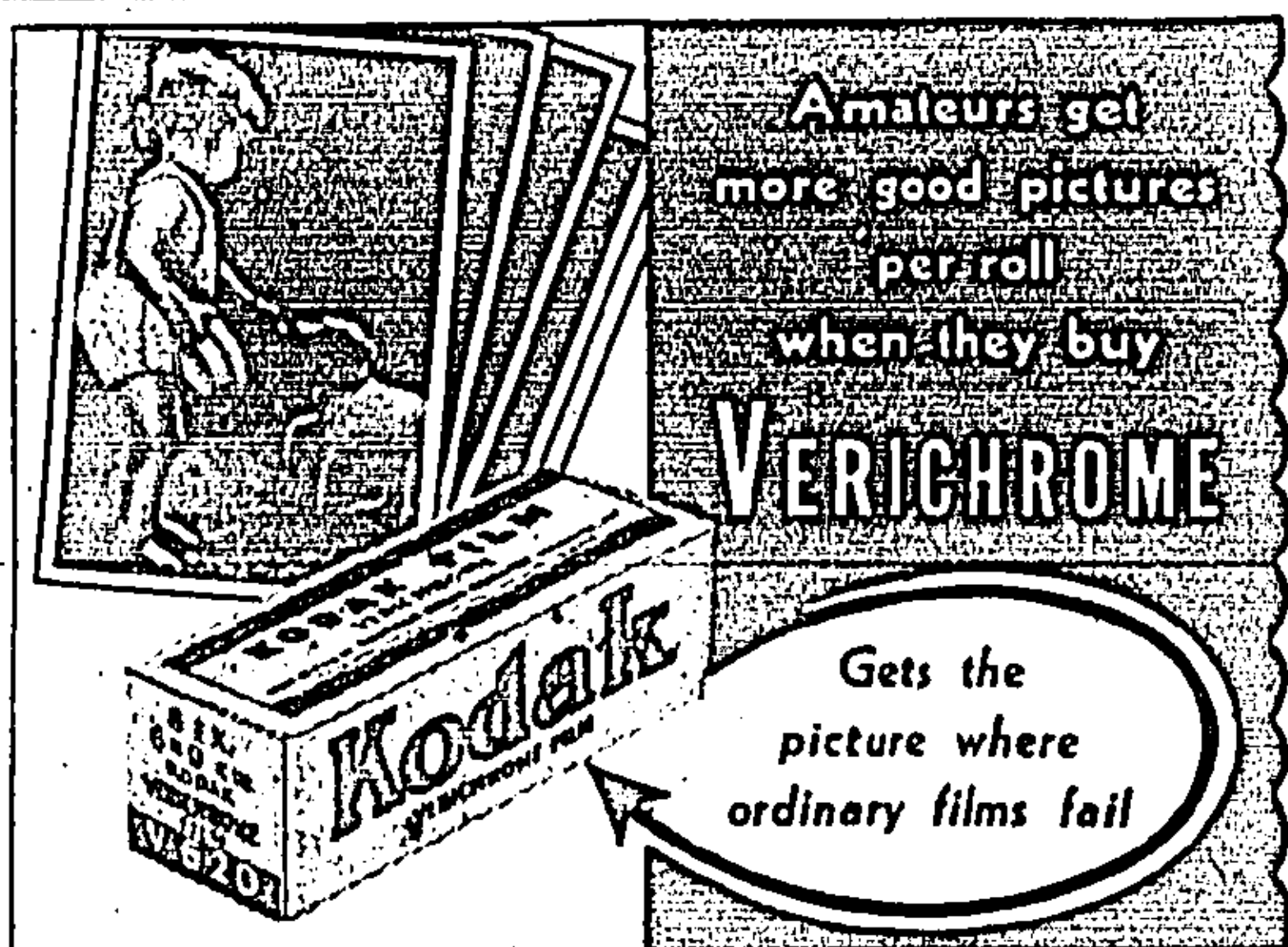
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### Britain And Europe

The totalitarian view of the British Empire is that it is an example of successful piracy. Europe is treated as the victim of its greed and urged to rid herself of a bully. There is a British view that the Empire is, on the contrary, an example of remarkable civility. Europe is expected to recognise this and to be grateful for our unselfishness.

Those who try to see the history of the British Empire as it would look to an impartial European would find the truth somewhere between the two views. The motives and methods of acquisition in the past have been much the same among all expanding European Powers. On the other hand, the strength and character of the British Empire have made it in some important senses a convenience to Europe.

In the first place, Britain's interest in Europe has been that of a Power whose ambitions were justified outside Europe. So far as Europe was concerned the overruling British desire was that Europe should not fall under the power of a State strong enough to dominate her. In this case it happened that what suited Britain suited also the several peoples of Europe.

In the second place, British possessions scattered over the seas were not closed to the merchants and traders of other countries. Any nation, therefore, might well prefer that a territory whose resources and markets it did not itself control should be in the hands of Free Trade Britain rather than in those of a Protectionist rival. The German statesman Zimmermann declared, "Our rise depended essentially on the English policy of the Open Door." The British Empire was thus an influence for peace.

From these facts there has grown up a school that speaks of a Pax Britannica on the model of the old Pax Romana, and Europe is expected to cherish this legend as gratefully as the Roman Empire was cherished by men of all races who enjoyed its shelter and hospitality. It is taken for granted that the neutral nations must see that Britain is an unselfish Power. This is a dangerous illusion. The extreme case put by the totalitarianism representing the British Empire as a sinister figure can be answered from history if we are concerned only for dialectical victory. But that answer is not enough. What has to be said of our diplomacy since 1931? What grounds for confidence did it give the neutrals? The sound arguments Mr. Chamberlain addresses to the neutrals to-day might have been addressed to him by the neutrals in the days of appeasement. The collapse of collective security for which Britain must share with France the chief responsibility, makes a more vivid impression on aspects of our history than those the mind of Europe than those the imagination of Britain. To the totalitarian argument that Germany can unify and organize Europe we must not reply merely by showing what kind of a Europe would emerge from this treatment; we must show what we are ready to do to create a different Europe. We have to take an active and a leading part in the economic task that was shirked or overlooked at the Peace Conference of 1919.

# It is not the longest sword but the longest purse that conquers

FIRST of all, we must admit that the war costs a great deal. It costs far more than the last occasion when we fought the Germans.

At this stage in the former struggle the war cost us about £3 millions a day, as against £6 millions a day now.

The expenditure of the French was then £2½ millions a day, as against £4½ millions a day in this war.

Now, why is it that the war costs twice as much as it did last time?

The answer is a simple one. The pay of soldiers and sailors is a bigger item of expenditure. Battleships cost twice as much to build. The Air Force has been added to our war services.

When war broke out the Air Force was costing us about a million pounds a day. That is the figure which Sir Kingsley Wood was spending in building and operating our airplanes.

There is also another channel of war expenditure which did not exist in the last conflict—Air Raid Precautions.

That is the service through which the passive defence of the civil population against the menace of air attack is organised. And there is also Evacuation, the cost of maintaining school children from the cities in country districts, where they will not be exposed to the same danger of bombing by the enemy.

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BUT although the increase in the cost of warfare is easy to explain, it has still to be faced. We have to meet the position that, in our own case and in the case of France, this war costs roughly twice as much as the last war. That is the situation revealed by comparable figures.

What resources have we got to meet this expenditure?

There is, first, the tax revenue of the country. In 1915 we were meeting less than one-quarter of the national expenditure out of taxation. That was the proportion we paid out of income. The rest we borrowed.

To-day we are paying half the cost out of taxation.

That is one tremendous advantage which we disclose on this occasion.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly, or repeated too often, that half the burden of the cost of this war is borne on current revenue.

That is equal to four times as much as we paid out in taxation in the same period of the last war. Taxpayers should rejoice. For it means that the more we pay now, the more confidence we can have after the war.

Other efforts will have to be made, too. We must increase our output and turnover. That is imperative.

With that increase in turnover we must also increase taxation. Saving should be encouraged in every direction, so that borrowings by the Government will not depend upon the inflation of banking credit.

For my part I believe that the conduct of war economy will determine the course of the war.

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WE have payments to make abroad. That is where difficulties may arise. Indeed, that is the most important financial problem we have to deal with.

Our ability to meet that problem is immensely greater than it was in the last war.

And here let me say that in Sir John Simon we have a Chancellor of the Exchequer who is able, cool, far-seeing, cautious and economical. And no more can be said in praise of a good Chancellor.

Now let us turn the resources at our command for making purchases abroad.

THE RESOURCES of Britain are ample for the war campaign in which we are involved.

That is a proposition which, if it can be sustained, will do much to fortify and strengthen the courage and endurance of the British public.

More important, it will instil confidence in the hearts of the great multitude of American citizens who wish us well and are anxious about our future.

It may even persuade some of them to buy our securities and to build up assets in the Empire.

And at all times we should express our gratitude to them for past friendship. We should not hesitate to deal with them frankly. There is no use attempting to hide our views from them or restraining our opinions. The Americans will never thank us for pretending one thing to them and saying another thing among ourselves.

So here is a disclosure of the financial situation of Britain as I see it.

## By Lord Beaverbrook

In the total I am taking the liberty of including not only French but also Canadian resources. I do so, not because I expect Canadian assets to be available for Britain's service, but because the Canadian war effort must be paid for by the Dominion.

Now what is the position with regard to the ability of the Allies to pay for war material purchased in the United States? What resources do they command for this purpose?

There are the GOLD RESERVES of Britain, France and Canada. These amount to:

Britain	£ 500,000,000
France	750,000,000
Canada	54,000,000
Other British and French countries	130,000,000
A total of	£1,434,000,000

Then there are the CASH BALANCES standing to the credit of Britain, France and Canada in the United States.

These amount to £317,000,000 of which Britain holds about one-half.

Liquid securities possessed by the three stand at a figure of £355,000,000.

And the non-liquid securities owned by Britain, France and Canada can be reckoned at a total of £385,000,000.

So the total resources of the Allies, which would be available for purchases in the United States, amount, if the Canadian resources are included, to a total of about £2,490 millions.

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THIS compares with a total of gold and dollar resources in 1914 of about £1,600 millions. It shows an immense increase in financial strength.

In the last war Britain and France bought on balance from the United States £2,300 millions' worth of goods all told. This is the total American sales to the two chief Allied Powers after deducting their exports to the United States. If we can confine ourselves to the same sum, as I am convinced that we shall, owing to the development of our own raw materials, then, with Canadian financial resources included, we have enough gold, cash and liquid securities to buy the goods we need.

We must also take into account our capacity to pay for some of our American imports by means of exports to the United States. This capacity will, in fact, be greater than in the last war owing to the development of production in the Empire.

Then, in addition, those exports to the United States will include sales of animal, vegetable and mineral commodities by the British Colonies and also the French Colonies. There is the very big export from Canada of metals and newsprint. There is the gold export from Empire countries.

But it must be borne in mind that Canadian assets, of whatever description, are not available to pay for Britain's purchases. And that

Canada's financial resources have been included in the totals given above. Against these Canadian assets there are, of course, numerous holdings in neutral countries, notably the South American republics, which have not been taken into account.

It is my view that, since the outbreak of war, we have so far lost none of our American assets. There has been no reduction in their worth recounting.

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HOW has it been possible for us, in war conditions, to effect this husbanding of our resources?

There has, of course, been a sharp wartime decline in some of our normal purchases from the United States. We have reduced our import of American tobacco, of cotton, of wheat and other commodities.

In the case of tobacco we took in the month of October 1939, for instance, six million dollars' worth, as compared with twenty-nine million dollars in the same month of 1938.

The decline is due, in some measure, to economy in consumption. To the desire to do without. But this economy is supplemented by an increase in production of tobacco in the British Empire.

Our dependence on American supplies of tobacco is thus reduced.

The value of the import of raw cotton which Britain can derive from the Empire is more than three times greater than it was before the last war.

And although in that last war we brought more than half our imported wheat from the United States, at a cost of about £200 millions, the Empire can now supply all the wheat that we need.

Now we must take into account the production of vegetable, animal and mineral wealth in the British Empire.

The extension and development of these resources has been carried on in the last twenty years at a rate which far outstrips any other development in the world.

It is true that the progress has been unsatisfactory to men who have always been conscious of this vast treasure house given into our keeping. I see treasure house that is known as the British Empire.

But while we cannot claim to have turned our single talent into ten, neither can we be dismissed as the servant unworthy of the master's confidence.

Let us look, then, at gold production. And here I wish to emphasize that gold production is not to be confused with gold stocks.

Gold production relates only to the gold that is mined from the earth year by year.

The gold output of the British Empire was 14 million fine ounces in 1914. It is 21 million ounces now.

That is an increase of 50 per cent in quantity. And it is a far bigger increase when measured in money values.

For this must be taken into account:

Gold will buy more imports than it did in the last war. For that reason, our purchases from abroad will not be so expensive as they were. They will, in fact, cost much less in terms of gold, and actually slightly less in terms of sterling.

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OUR purchases of raw materials may be huge, but remember, in gold values, the price of raw materials is less than half what it was in the last war. This is startling, but it is a fact.

The *Investor's Chronicle*, a most reputable financial journal, has recently made an extensive calculation of the total imports of raw materials into Britain during the last war.

It was shown that these imports represented 385 million ounces of gold.

This journal then reaches the astonishing conclusion that a similar quantity of commodities, taking prices at the outbreak of war, could be bought with 154 million ounces of gold.

But it is not in gold alone that the remarkable Empire development has been demonstrated. There are many other raw materials where increases of production since the last war show far more striking results.

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HERE is a short table which I hope will reveal quite clearly the wealth and strength of the British Empire:

BRITISH EMPIRE OUTPUT		
	Year 1913	Year 1939
	Tons	Tons
Nickel	22,500	102,000
Copper	94,000	600,000
Bauxite		
(aluminium ore)	25,000	400,000
Rubber	46,000	600,000
Cocoa	90,000	415,000

It will be seen that in every case there is a considerable increase in the quantities of these commodities produced in the Empire. The total result is an eight-fold increase in output.

And always there is an increase in Empire production relative to world output.

The position with regard to oil is different.

The Empire production is six million tons. Under the control of the Empire is a production amounting to perhaps 25 million tons.

The Empire production is about the same in relation to total world output as it was in 1914. But we derive benefit from the 25 million tons produced outside the Empire with our money.

It will be seen, then, that the strength of Britain, Canada, and the rest of the Empire is so great that it seems impossible that we can in the long run suffer defeat.

In fact, on economic issues the triumph of the Empire is assured.

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WE pass at once to the dark forebodings about the future. Sometimes held and expressed by business men reluctant to undertake new obligations. The forebodings we can pronounce utterly unwarranted. It can be said with supreme confidence.

There is every hope, prospect and expectation that from the war the Empire will emerge so strong in raw materials, so rich in mineral, vegetable and animal assets that it should afford a future allied with hope and bright with the prospect of happiness and contentment to our people.

I hope, too, that, even when the war progresses and we turn in an immense effort and concentration to fighting and destroying our enemies, we will at the same time develop our resources to the fullest extent.

Our raw materials, the produce of the soil, and our animal wealth, here at home, in the Crown Colonies, and in other parts of the Empire, constitute our strength and justify our confidence.

Such a development would involve us in forming a firm resolve to use our man-power to the utmost at home and abroad.



## NEW SHIP LAUNCHED

Successful Event At Taikoo Dockyard

The Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company yesterday evening successfully launched the "Hanyang," the first of three vessels building for the China Navigation Co., Ltd. The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. C. C. Roberts, wife of the local manager of Butterfields & Swire, and witnessed by an interested launching party.

A single-screw, passenger and cargo vessel, the "Hanyang" has the following features: Length B.P. 208 feet, breadth 44 feet, depth moulded to upper deck 25 feet, gross tonnage 2,800, deadweight approx. 3,000 tons.

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The machinery space is situated amidships and consists of one set of inverted, direct-acting surface condensing, triple expansion N.E.M. re-heater engines, built by Taikoo under licence from Messrs. The North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. Steam is generated in two multitubular return-tube type boilers, arranged to turn end under Howden's system of forced draught and fitted with "Nemeco" combustion chamber type superheaters.

## NAVAL GUNS GO INTO ACTION

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out at sea, and methodically poured a hail of heavy-calibre shells into the German positions.

The aerodrome, which is some miles from the city of Stavanger, is on a plateau facing the sea. The only buildings in the immediate vicinity are hangars and offices.

One of the planes of the Coastal Command co-operated with the Navy in the bombardment of the airport, acting as "spotter" for the warships signalling by radiophone as each shell burst.

The warships were able to find their target by fires which were earlier started by incendiary bombs dropped by British planes.

The bombardment lasted altogether for 80 minutes.

As the British warships were steaming away after the bombardment ended they were attacked by German bombers. One British cruiser was hit by a bomb and was slightly damaged. It managed to continue home without help.

Earlier, R.A.F. machines bombed Trondheim aerodrome, dropping heavy bombs and starting a fire. An adjoining Nazi seaplane base was also bombed.

**Nazi Bombardment**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BERLIN, Apr. 18 (UP).—D.N.B. officially confirms the British naval bombardment of the Stavanger aerodrome in the following words:

"During the morning hours, British sea forces bombarded Stavanger from a considerable distance."

"German reconnaissance planes determined that the British cruisers took a westerly course after the bombardment, and German pursuit planes attacked the enemy units, causing them several losses."

"Simultaneously, an additional British naval force in waters further north was attacked by German planes."

"The vulnerability of English warships to air attack is a bitter disappointment to the English public."

"They were deceived by the alleged forcing of the Steneren. In reality, however, the British Admiralty daily receives reports of the losses of individual units operating on the extremely long Norwegian sea coast."

"The Admiralty, which brought the ships from their hiding places for the operations against Norway, appears to be worried about the secrecy of their western operations, as is evidenced by their announcement of the minefield off the Firth of Clyde."

## BELGIUM RUSHES NEW DEFENCES

EUGEN, Apr. 18 (UP).—Belgium is rushing ahead with a considerable extension of the fortifications on the eastern border of Liege in Province, necessitating the evacuation of numerous inhabitants and the blowing up of houses obstructing sites, which has resulted in the closure of several roads.

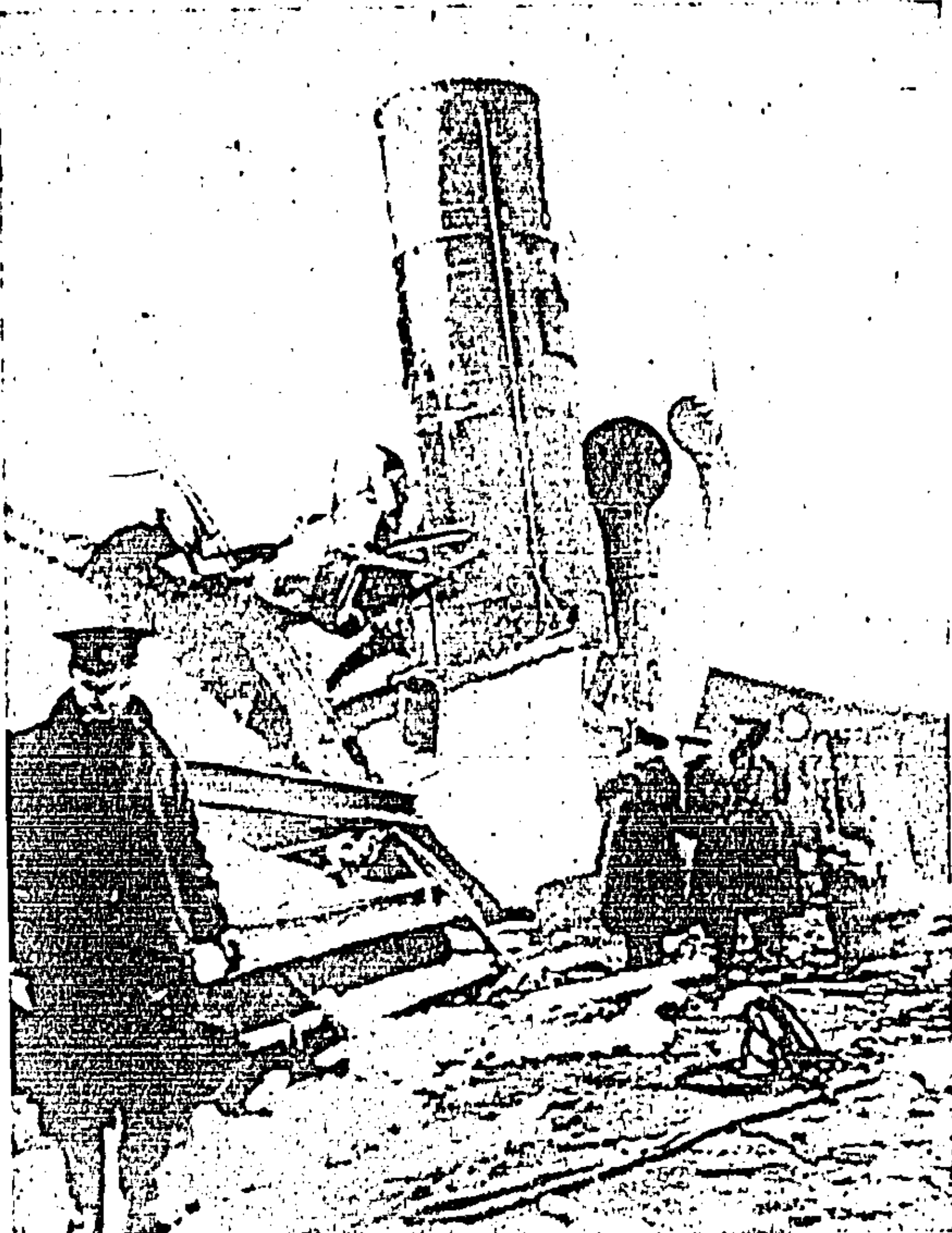
The area affected runs from the Luxembourg frontier to the Eugen district facing Aix-la-Chapelle. Approximately 400 people have been evacuated from the Eugen district alone.

## ORIENT'S HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC HONOUR WON BY C.B.S. BOY

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playing inside forward for the Hong-kong Football Club.

He has also gained recognition by the local F.A. being chosen to represent Scotland in the International Charity Cup, for the Civilian in the Lal Wah Cup and for the H.K.F.A. in the Governor's Cup.



THE superstructure of the British steamer Royal Crown after it had been bombed and machine-gunned off the east coast of England.—Domei.

## "UNCROWNED EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA" DIES

### Katharina Schratt, Greatest Friend Of Franz Josef

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
VIENNA, April 18 (UP).—Katharina Schratt, who was known as the "uncrowned empress of Austria" during the reign of Emperor Franz Josef, died to-day in her beautiful Vienna home opposite the Vienna Opera House. She was aged 87 years.

She was the closest friend of the Emperor for more than three decades.

For many years he saw her every day.

**Know Europe's Secret**

She probably knew more secrets of Europe before 1918 than any person who survived the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Huge sums were offered by publishers for her memoirs.

But though she had lost almost all her fortune she refused all offers. Everything around her when she died reminded her of Franz Josef.

Her beautiful Vienna home was decorated with hundreds of valuable pictures, miniatures and fine pieces of antique furniture presented to her by the Emperor.

Right up to the end she dressed in the style of the end of the last century, the style he preferred.

Some girls came from Empress Elizabeth who is said to have been fond of Katharina, in spite of her intimate association with her husband.

**Beautiful And Popular**  
Katharina, in her young days, was one of the most beautiful and popular actresses of the Vienna Burgtheater, appearing chiefly in classic and romantic comedies.

Since the death of the Emperor during the last war, Katharina has lived with her son, Baron von Kiss.

In the last thirty years of the Emperor's reign, Katharina was one of the most important persons in Austria-Hungary.

She was probably the only person in whose presence the Emperor became a human being.

To her, he turned for sympathy after the suicide of his son, the Crown Prince Rudolf, after the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth, and after the assassination at Sarajevo of the events that precipitated the Great War.

She undoubtedly had great influence over him, and was said to have inspired many of his decisions.

## Join The Pioneer Corps Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An appeal to men between the ages of 30 and 50 to join the Pioneer Corps was made yesterday by Major-General Beith, Director of Public Relations at the War Office.

More and more men will be needed as time goes on. Nearly a million British soldiers were to-day in France, he said.

Some were in the Near East and some in Norway. Where next they would be needed no one could say, but one thing was certain that they would be needed somewhere if freedom was to be restored to the world.

## PLANE CRASHES IN FLAMES

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

OSLO, Apr. 18 (UP).—A British war plane crashed in flames here to-day and started a conflagration. Nine houses were destroyed and 20 damaged while one person was killed and many wounded.

## Congress's 'No To Dominion Status

### Position Deadlocked In India

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day in a debate on the extension of the time limit of proclamations giving executive authority to the Governors of those Indian provinces where the Congress and Ministries had resigned, Sir Hugh O'Neill declared that the provincial government in India had not broken down and that the provinces, which were working themselves, comprised one-third of British India.

Millions of people in India had been staggered and deeply disappointed as a result of the conference between the Viceroy and Mahatma Gandhi ending in a deadlock, he said.

**Complete Independence**  
Sir Hugh O'Neill added: "His Majesty's Government cannot, of course, accept the Congress demand for complete independence. They note with profound regret the rejection by Congress of the Dominion Status."

He added that compliance with the demand would mean the complete severance of India from all association with the rest of the Empire and the banishment of the Crown from any place in the Indian Constitution throwing overboard the obligations to the Muslim community and other minorities and Princes.

The Viceroy, he said, had made it clear that it was the Government's policy to give full Dominion Status at the earliest possible moment and to enter into an examination of the whole constitutional sphere with all parties and interests in India.

**Advance Rejected**  
None of their advances had met with any response. If civil disobedience were to be resorted to the Government would be bound to take full measures to counteract it.

The orders of the Government must be carried out especially in time of war and he believed that the Congress leaders themselves must recognise this.

## Civil Disobedience Threat In India

WARDHA, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—After four days' deliberations, in which Mahatma Gandhi participated, the Congress Working Committee has called to Congress Committees throughout India to prepare for a declaration of "Satyagraha" (Civil Disobedience).

The resolution recommends members of Congress who are unable to shoulder the burden of struggle under the disciplined guidance of Congress to resign their executive positions, and again emphasises fulfilment of Gandhi's conditions for the civil disobedience campaign.

## Abortive Raid On Shetlands

Heinkel Chased Off By Fighters

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Heinkel plane flew over part of the Shetland Islands this afternoon. Fighters went up and the Heinkel disappeared. No bombs were dropped and the air raid warning lasted only 22 minutes.

About 100 naval survivors arrived at a north-west Scottish port to-night. Many of them were wearing Norwegian caps.

**R.A.F. Losses**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—It is learned that between April 7 and April 17 the Air Force lost 22 planes as announced by the Air Ministry.

According to figures compiled from official and reliable neutral reports, during the same period, at least 28 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed and a further 19 so badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

This does not include any German planes downed by the Fleet Air Arm nor the great number of machines that must have been damaged or destroyed during the Air Force raids on Stettin and the fleet bombardment of it.

## ALLIES READY TO HELP ANY NEW VICTIM OF AGGRESSION

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men who are not under arms when and if an attack occurs.

They are enjoined to take no notice whatsoever of any reports spread by radio, leaflets or otherwise during an invasion, which cast any doubt on the Federal Council or Army Command's firm resolution and determination to resist invaders.

All reports of this nature, the statement declares, must be regarded by the populace as enemy propaganda designed to weaken resistance.

"The country will defend itself by all the means in its power," the announcement concludes.

**Germany And Rumania**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BERLIN, Apr. 18 (Domei).—Germany's intentions towards Rumania are the subject of speculation in Berlin to-night.

Well-informed quarters believe that the Nazi leader will continue his diplomatic activities in the Balkans side by side with his military operations.

**No British Threat**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Allies will never threaten the independence of the Danubian or Balkan States, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

He said the purpose of the recent discussions among British envoys to the Balkans was for the preservation of peace and the promotion of security for the Balkan and Danubian countries.

"No one of these States, between whom it is the desire of the Allies to see a growth of mutual understanding, has any cause to fear the Allies, for their forces will never threaten their independence or integrity," the Premier said.

## "QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE"

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that it has been a quiet day on the whole.

A diver identified the wreck of a German submarine which was attacked by one of our sloops a few weeks ago.

At that time the destruction of the submarine was not certain and the news was not officially announced by the French Admiralty.

**Nazi Communiqué**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BERLIN, April 18 (UP).—The German High Command has issued the following communiqué on the operations on the Western Front:

"Southwest of Saarbrücken, an enemy patrol company attacked a German sentry post. The enemy were repulsed with the loss of about 15 men."

On other sectors, intermittent artillery fire increased steadily in intensity."

## Nazis Calling Up Norwegians

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
KIRUNA, Apr. 18 (UP).—Two Norwegian civilian refugees who crossed the frontier by sea to-day declare that the German Command at Rombå Fjord has issued a decree, ordering all Norwegian men between the ages of 16 and 50 years to report to the German military authorities before Wednesday.

The refugees claim that the Norwegians are being conscripted for trench digging and transporting supplies.

## \$40,000,000 Offer For Greenland

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives to-day, authorising President Roosevelt to offer Denmark \$40,000,000 for transfer of sovereignty over Greenland.

The measure is sponsored by Mr. Hamilton Fish, Jr.

President Roosevelt refused to comment on the proposal.

"The United States purchased Alaska in this fashion from Tsarist Russia."

## RED CROSS APPEAL

Canton Residents To Buy Ambulances

The French and British Communities of Canton have decided to launch a campaign among themselves and among sympathisers with the Allied cause resident in Canton for the collection of funds for the Allied Red Cross.

It is hoped to collect sufficient funds for the purchase of an ambulance to be presented with full equipment and a suitable inscription to the central Allied Red Cross organisation. It is felt that it would be an encouragement to aim at some definite object rather than to collect funds vaguely for Red Cross work, and it is also believed that there may be some propaganda value in the presentation of a complete ambulance unit contributed by a small and distant allied community such as that of Shamen.

**Ambulances Needed**  
Some voices have been raised in protest against the choice of an ambulance, but it is clear that ambulances are needed and that the purchase of an ambulance by private subscription will set free funds equivalent to the value of the ambulance presented for whatever purpose they may be more urgently required.

At the present time there are residents in Hongkong many people who would normally consider themselves members of the Canton community and who would probably like to assist themselves with this communal effort. It would be greatly appreciated if any such persons who wish to contribute to the fund would send cheques made payable to the Franco-British Fund either to Mrs. A. Price, British Consulate-General, Canton, or to Mme. F. Saugon, Consulate de France, Canton.

It is hoped that former residents of Shamen will not allow themselves to be outdone in generosity by the present members of the foreign community of Canton.

## 5 DIE FROM SLOW STARVATION AND THIRST

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"One of the chaps died that night, and another died on Sunday morning."

"Five more died on Sunday night. We were all so exhausted that we did not have the strength to put their bodies overboard."

"Eight men died after we landed."

Another survivor, Robert Evans (the Second Engineer), said: "I was on duty in the engine-room when we were torpedoed."

"The explosions killed 14 Officers and men."

**Only Two Officers Saved**  
"When the U-boat came alongside our lifeboat, the Commander asked for our 'Kapitan' or officers. We told him all had been killed or drowned."

A. M. Dummett, the Fourth Engineer, said: "The exposure in the open lifeboat was terrible. We were dead beat and in a state of complete collapse when we landed."

"Evans and myself are the only officers saved."

"Five of the seamen died one after another just before the rescuing boats arrived. They had become victims of 'sea madness.'"

**Unrestricted Warfare**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (UP).—According to the Press Association, the Commander of the U-boat which torpedoed the London steamer Stencliffe warned the survivors that Germany was about to embark upon unrestricted warfare against all shipping.

"Germany," he told a survivor, "will sink all shipping at sight after the month of May. Nobody will be spared."

After making this statement, says the Press Association report, the U-boat commander gave the survivors a bottle of rum and 500 Ersatz cigarettes.

## Warships Versus Aircraft Lesson

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, said: "Germany's position in Norway appears to be still very strong, with her line of communication between Bergen and the south well maintained."

"As far as the Navy knows only one warship—a British destroyer—has been sunk by air bombing since the European war started and aircraft have accounted for only 1 per cent. of the shipping losses."

## Super-Warships Of 52,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee to-day, said that America contemplates building super-dreadnoughts of 50,000 to 52,000 tons as an answer to Japan's reported construction of 43,000 ton ships.

At the same time, said Admiral Stark, the United States Navy has renewed its efforts to obtain Congress approval of the construction of a large submarine and air base on the island of Guam.

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CANBERRA, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Australian shipyards are working at a maximum capacity building anti-submarine trawlers suitable for mine-sweeping in British waters.

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# "Captain Foster's" Racing Review

## FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

### First Leg of Daily Double

#### China Ponies' Sprint Over Six Furlongs

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the fifth race, the "Hunchbacks" Handicap for China ponies, subscription griffins of 1939, and those classified in the "B" and "C" classes are barred.

The run over six furlongs has drawn 13 entries and among the list Orange Boyen is the only one "out of shape" for he has not been seen in public since June 3, last year. Phoenix has been whispered as the good 'un, but I cannot agree as his appropriate style of galloping is not well and may have some sort of a chance, but I prefer others such as Portrush, Some Hope, Wilber and Willynilly.

Mr. Needa entered Portrush over six furlongs on Wednesday, and he seemed to enjoy the hunt. There was nothing to write home about the gallop, but the combination went well and that was a good sign. Willynilly has been given strong work and the chestnut is sure to do himself full justice.

### Good Milers For Mount Davis H'cap

#### First Section Should Be Very Open

A GOOD FIELD of milers will no doubt be seen in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section), the fourth race, for "B" class China ponies, and it looks that the contest is very open. I have not seen Bear Claw during my "early morning" inspection.

Happy Valley, but the ex-champion should be happy as he has a pull in the weights with Lillibet and Red Feather.

Lillibet, I understand, is a doubtful starter, while Red Feather may not go to the post.

I heard flattering accounts of Conquering Time. The mare does not like a slippery course (this was proved at the Easter session), but should the track be firm to-morrow, Conquering Time is expected to be in the front rank. Rose Emily will be a menace to all.

#### Lancashire Lass For Second Section?

LANCASHIRE LASS will have a new jockey, Mr. D. Black, and the combination, I am prepared to assume, will play a leading role in the eighth race, the second section of the Mount Davis Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile.

The "wee Scotch rider" tried her last Saturday over a mile and they

### ONLY SEVEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE ST. GEORGE'S PLATE

ST. GEORGE'S PLATE (a handicap for Griffins of this season) occupies a front place in the minds of the racing public, but I am afraid that it will be a tame affair on account of the ban on China ponies classified "A" class. Very poor response has been received for the classic handicap, which is worth \$750 plus the silver plate to the winning owner, and it is certainly disheartening to see that there are only seven nominations.

However, the other eight handicap events to be contested among the Australian and China ponies have good entries and the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow will provide a good day's sport. First saddling bell will be rung at the usual 1.30 p.m.

We shall certainly see a good swing in the opening chorus as I fully expect to have over a dozen acceptors in the Mount Gough Handicap for China pony griffins that have won less than \$750 in stakes. It is a short run from the 1 1/4 mile post, but there are several runners not yet tuned for the scramble.

Distinctive Time should not have any difficulty to win after two successful placed outings, but Gay Star may break the tape first. I was figuring London, owned by Mr. E. J. Young, to upset the applicant, but the bay gelding pulled up lame after a trial gallop on Tuesday morning, and in his absence Eve of Folly is my next to fill the low position.

#### KOALA HANDICAP A Difficult Choice

THE Koala Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, has attracted no less than 16 entries, including three demoted racers such as Bredon, Centre Court and Snowy River. Stout opposition is sure to come from these three old timers, but it should not be overlooked that the gentleman in charge of the lead has loaded them to the hilt.

Snowy River is undoubtedly a stayer, but since Mr. Li Tse-fong became the master, the descendant of Bobinak has not donned the new owner's silk this season and one is entitled to infer that the mare has not been too well. On the other hand, the distance run may be too long for the youngsters of this season, but they are a batch not to be underrated.

In preparation for the Spring big meeting Grand Allegiance put up some wonderful training gallops, her best being 3.09% over the Derby course with 29% seconds for the home stretch. The mare had the misfortune to be on the walking list after two outings, and it seemed that Grand Allegiance was short of a gallop when she came out in the Division III Handicap at the last meeting. My frank opinion is that she is not yet keyed, but for a long shot she is worth \$5 investment each way.

Discovery Bay is nicely weighted and I shall be disappointed if the mare should let us down.

took 2.05% to cover the circuit, which should strengthen the mare's claim. However, strong opposition may come from either Jennifer, King Kong, Rob Roy or Rose Jane. I shall not expect Lancashire Lass to be out of the first three.



The "Lustiano Cup" presented by Members of the Club Lusitano, and won by Mr. C. E. Tacylight at the last Annual Race Meeting. On behalf of the Club Lusitano, the Cup was ordered by Dr. Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, on his last visit to Lisbon. The trophy is a fine specimen of Portuguese craftsmanship.

### SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

At a meeting of the Hockey Association Council yesterday it was decided to postpone the annual six-a-side tournament from April 21 to 23 as several clubs had received no notification of the tournament. Entries close at 6 p.m. on April 25. A letter from G. Fowler regarding criticism of him by K. Hussain in a letter to the Press on incidents during the match between Macao and Civilians last month, was discussed. It was decided that the Association could take no action as the affair originated from Press comments. It was also decided to write to the Umpires Association advising them to take no action.

### STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following starting times have been arranged by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club for Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.16	A. Sommerfeldt, A. T. Lay.
9.29	A. D. Humphreys, W. N. A. Smalley.
9.42	R. C. Gardner, D. Humphreys.
9.55	A. Meredith, A. M. Mack.
10.08	R. J. Shirley, F. C. Young.
10.21	G. M. Park, L. R. Andrews.
10.34	S. H. Dodwell, S. S. Morrison.
10.47	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
11.00	M. L. Kelly, H. C. Watson.
11.13	A. B. Purves, E. McCreary.
11.26	A. C. I. Bowker, G. A. L. Plummer.
11.39	A. H. Penn, S. A. Sleep.
11.52	J. B. Harrison, J. L. Duncan.
12.05	Col. Holt, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
12.18	L. M. S. Lloyd, L. R. Cramer.
12.31	H. Young, S. L. Lloyd.
12.44	A. S. Allison, H. J. D. Lowe.
12.57	G. T. Harrington, J. Redman.
1.10	A. N. & G. A. A. Macgregor.
1.23	H. N. Williamson, R. G. Parker.
1.36	H. F. Phillips, J. S. Dunnett.
1.49	G. Dods, G. Thomson.
2.02	C. E. Sandstrom, J. W. Mayhew.
2.15	A. McKellar, J. Lincker.
2.28	C. W. Behrman, W. G. Robertson.
2.41	M. Pollock, F. A. M. Elliott.
2.54	X. Hackney, J. L. Oswald.
3.07	X. Williams, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
NEW COURSE	
9.24	Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Smalley.
9.37	Mrs. Dennis, Miss French.
9.50	W. Park, J. W. Anderson.
10.03	Mrs. Behrman, Mrs. Robertson.

### Former Champion Commits Suicide

DETROIT, Apr. 18 (UP).—Norman Selby, better known as Kid McCoy, welterweight champion of the nineties, committed suicide here today.

Mr. ("Kid") Marriot recalls this famous boxer who once fought at the Circus in Hongkong some 25 years ago. This was during one of his tours, and he later went down to Australia and appeared in several bouts there.

Kid McCoy was world welterweight champion from 1898-1900, when he was beaten by Billy Smith.

### THREE FAVOURITES FOR TAIMOSHAN HANDICAP

JOCKEYS, who have not won ten races anywhere, will be in the limelight in the sixth race, the Taimoshan Handicap, and the post of honour has fallen on Radium Star. By virtue of his win in Macao last Sunday, Dow Jones has incurred 7 lb. penalty and one can draw a red pencil right across the name.

The Tigress has also incurred 7 lbs. on account of her win, but it is hardly learned that the mare will not accept the load of 171 lbs.

Following his failure in the Wulu Handicap at the Annual Carnival when he was third, Arabian Cat gave a very convincing exhibition in the Dublin Handicap at Kwantoo racecourse, but some competent followers of the turf claimed that the success was a fluke, and, unfortunately, the pony was ridden by Mr. Hook—the Fanling champion jockey over the sticks.

Whatever it was, Arabian Cat must be regarded as one of the favourites and I shall fall for the ground the chestnut falls. Lancashire Chap and Radium Star have equal chances.

### RIVALRY FOR THE MAIN EVENT

INTERNATIONAL RIVALRY for the third race, the St. George's Plate, is represented by four China ponies belonging to European owners, and three owned by the Chinese. It has been whispered to me that one of the latter is sure to capture the trophy owing to the presence of Hopeful Star and Possible, but I prefer Clobber—the English candidate.

Last Saturday Clobber covered one and a quarter miles in 2.36 flat, finishing the mile in 2.04 1/5 and the home run was done in 29 seconds dead—evidence that the chestnut was not pressed. The gallop was certainly electrifying, and the steed will be the mount of Mr. L. B. Chao.

Over 1 1/4 miles Clobber is still an unknown quantity owing to the fact that all his outings were from the mile run and under, and the same may be said of Possible (Mr. Wei) and White Diamond (Mr. Pih).

I am fully aware that Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) had a win over the champion course, but he was running with 10 lbs. below the weight for inches scale. All three ponies have been beaten by Clobber and I have confidence in the chestnut gelding to pass the post first. Victoria is recommended as an each-way proposition.

### ASCOT RACES TO BE HELD AT NEWMARKET

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Racing Calendar announces additional racing fixtures for the year. Fifty-three meetings covering 82 days will end during August.

As the Ascot Course is not available, His Majesty has approved of the meeting being held at Newmarket on June 21 and 22 under the Ascot authorities.

### Newmarket Races

THE FREE HANDICAP, to-day, was run at Newmarket and was won by Salt Spring (100/7). Tornado (4/1) was second, and Love's Revelry (7/1) third. Twenty ran. A neck separated the first from second and three lengths were between second and third.

CRABEN STAKES The Craben Stakes were won by Prince Tetra (100/0). Second was Medley (100/0) and third was Descent (0/1). Fourteen ran. Distance was three lengths and two lengths.

### Second Leg of Daily Double

#### Field of Seventeen For Selection

FOR THE SECOND LEG of the daily double, the seventh race, one has to find the winner in the Canterbury Park Handicap for Australian ponies of this season over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and punters have a nice menu of 17 steeds to make their selection.

There was certainly a pile of Hongkong Bank notes on Brown Derby to win the St. Kilda Handicap at the last meet, but the "dark tip" did not materialize.

However, with Shuttlecock out of the way Pleasantly Jim should have an easy passage, but I have a hunch that Income Tax will turn the tables on account of the 5 lb. allowance adjusted by the handicapper.

Brown Derby has to draw only 145 lbs and her chance for a place is bright. "Caterpillar" Bridge performed a nice gallop last Wednesday, and the pilot was Mr. Needa, who, of course, timed it to a nicety. The course time was inside two minutes, and this should direct a strong attack against the front line invaders.

### Charlton Beat Fulham 7-5

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In the south "C" Division of the English Regional football leagues, Charlton, to-day, defeated Fulham by 7 goals to 5.

### A Scurry For The Last Event

THE MEETING will terminate with a scurry event for "B" class Australian ponies from the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards), and the least expected may turn up in the "Charlton" sweepers Handicap.

We are bound to have a big field, but be careful with Flying Dutchman, who has special wings for short trip. A Great Time and Derby Day should be well up at the finish.

### EASTERN'S FOURTH VICTORY

MANILA, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic Association to-day defeated La Salle College by 5 goals to 2 before a crowd of 14,000.

La Salle held a 2-1 advantage at half time, but the Hongkong team put up a whirlwind finish and scored three goals in the final minutes of play.

The local team offered a very stiff resistance to the Hongkong team, who have now won four successive matches in Manila.

### Returning By "Clipper"

It is learned that the Eastern Football Club now touring the Philippines will return to Hongkong on Tuesday next by the Clipper.

### C.S.C.C. Eleven

The following will represent Civil Service juniors in a League cricket match against Craigengower to-morrow—H. E. Strang (Capt.), G. Ainslie, K. J. Atwell, R. L. Lockhart, C. P. Stone, F. E. Law, V. C. Bond, R. G. Robertson, P. D. Crawley, A. F. Sheppard, J. V. R. Mitchell.

### Tournament Tennis

## MATCH ABANDONED OWING TO LIGHT

### S. A. And H. D. Rumjahn In Singles Semi-final

(By "Tinker").

FAILING LIGHT brought an end to the excellent exhibition of tennis staged by the Rumjahn cousins, S. A. and H. D., in the semi-finals of the Open Singles Championship at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. Sirdar won the first two sets but lost the third and fourth. The scores were 8-6, 6-3, 0-6, 2-6.

It might be said that had it not been for his attack of cramp in the calf during the third set, Sirdar might have won the match. It was, however, noticeable that H.D. had command of the game at that stage, and, in fact, was leading by 4-0, and, to put it in the words of S.A., himself, "only the light saved me."

Sirdar had done a good deal of running in the first two sets. He had repeatedly gained the applause of the spectators with almost miraculous saves. From retrieving a deep ball he would dash up to the net to scoop a shot off the court—he would run violently from one side of the court to the other at the dictates of his cousin. He did, in fact, play superlative tennis for the first two sets. His backhand was working beautifully, while admirable control over his forehand gained him many points.

#### STEADY OPPOSITION

H.D. was very much "the other player on the court" during the first sets. He provided opposition that kept his cousin ever on the run, and this itself speaks sufficiently for his accuracy. He was the acme of steadiness. His shots dropped consistently on the side and base-lines; he varied his length well, but against a man of Sirdar's stamina and form of yesterday outright winners were the only shots to gather points.

It may have been the warnings of cramp that slowed Sirdar up in the third set, but there was no denying H.D.'s superiority during the four

#### OPEN GAME

IT was not very surprising that Sirdar developed cramp. He had covered an enormous amount of ground in winning his two sets—and despite his lead of two sets, at that stage of the match I still felt that it was fairly open, for H.D. was much the fresher man. Sirdar might yet have had something in the bag, but H.D. had more.

The tennis was some of the finest seen in the tournament to date. Shots, for the most part, were crisp—and Sirdar's improved backhand drives were much to the fore.

The re-play will probably be sometime next week, and it should be a match worth seeing.

#### To-day's Programme

##### OPEN DOUBLES

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay.

#### SPORT ADVTs.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE No. One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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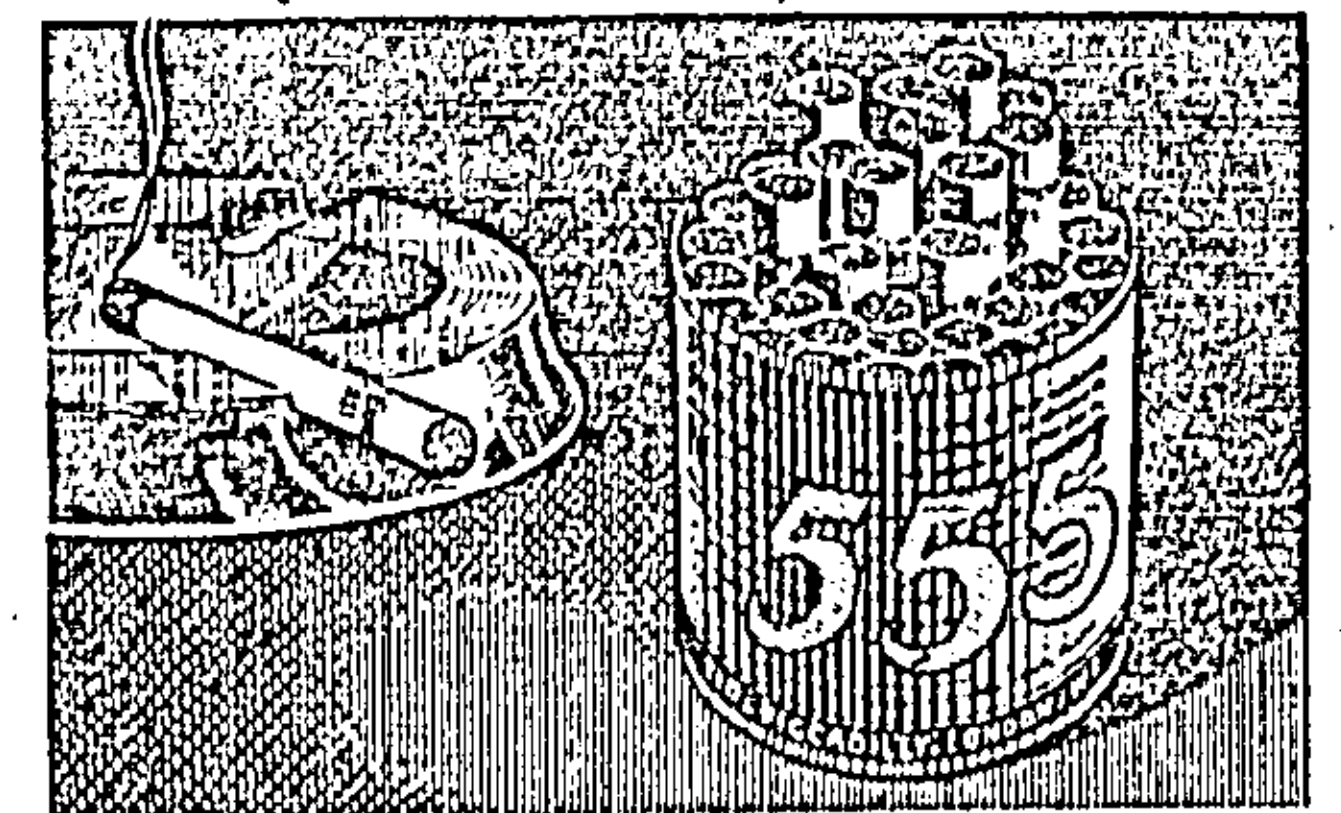
The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2120).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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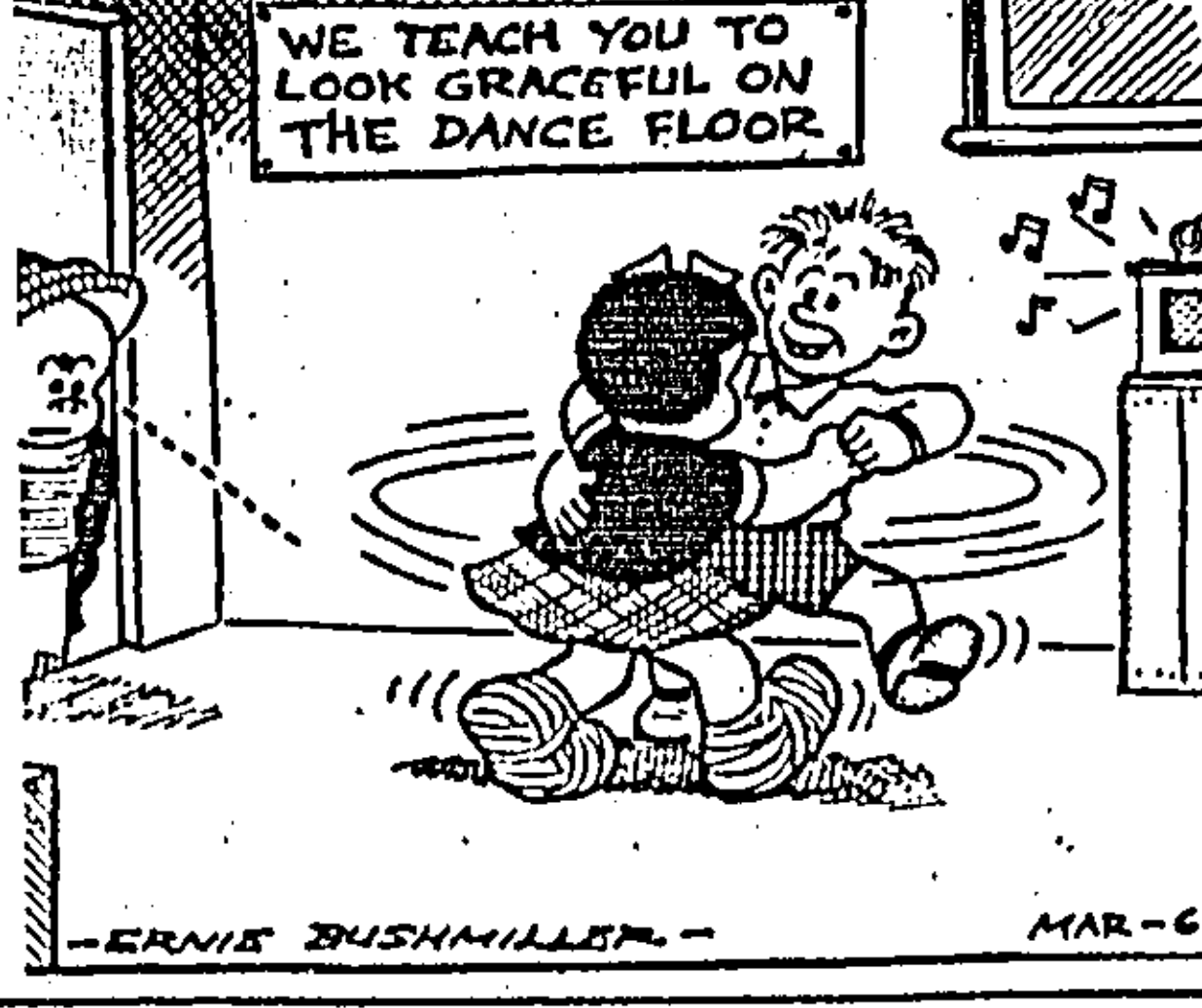
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By Ernie Bushmiller

## INCREASING U.S. ATTENTION TO ORIENT AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The importance the United States attaches to the maintenance of the status quo in the Pacific is becoming increasingly clear. The developments of the past 24 hours have served to focus attention on the American naval manoeuvres now being held west of Hawaii under conditions of the utmost secrecy.

It is believed that they are taking place farther from the American shores than ever before, and it is stated that for the first time there are no journalists or photographers with the fleet. It is also pointed out that it is unusual for the Secretary of the Navy to go so far from home to watch "Wu Games."

Well-informed circles believe that with the Trade Agreements Bill safely through Congressional storms, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, is likely to devote increasing attention to Far Eastern affairs.

**Widespread Approval**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull's "Hands Off the Dutch Indies" statement has "rung the bell" in the United States. It is generally felt that no single statement by a high United States official for months has evoked such widespread approval.

Typical headlines are "United States Bars Japan from the East Indies" and "Out of Dutch Indies, Hull Tells Japan."

The "Baltimore Sun," while declaring that America should still remain outside European entanglements, adds that it is absurd to say that the United States is not interested in the maintenance of a regular flow of essential commodities such as rubber and tin.

**Tension Not Anticipated**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MANILA, Apr. 18 (UP).—Indicating that the United States does not anticipate any immediate tension in the Dutch East Indies, the Asiatic Fleet is carrying out its routine summer trip to China.

The flagship Augusta, fully repaired from the recent damage sustained when she struck an under-water pinnacle in Philippine waters, will go to Shanghai carrying High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre.

The Canopus and six submarines are already off the China coast and the remainder of the fleet will be on route to China before the end of next week, leaving only a few destroyers, six submarines and 14 patrol bombers to carry out the normal Philippine neutrality patrol.

**Philippines And D.E.I.**  
Meanwhile, Philippines quarters are interested in Mr. Cordell Hull's statement regarding the D.E.I.

Some believe it may have indicated the attitude the United States will probably take in the event of the Philippines being threatened after the declaration of independence.

Supporters of this view draw attention to the fact that if the United States is interested in the welfare of the Dutch Colony, it would be reasonable to expect she would show even greater concern for the welfare of a Colony she has spent 40 years preparing for independence.

**Japan's "Grave Concern"**  
TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"The Japanese Navy feels grave concern for the maintenance of the status quo in the Dutch East Indies because any change of the status quo in those islands as a result of the European war would mean expansion of the conflict to this part of the world," said a Navy Office spokesman today.

"To this, the Japanese Navy has the strongest objection, particularly in view of Japan's national policy of standing out of the European war. If the United States feels solicitous for the maintenance of the status quo in Greenland, there is no wonder why Japan feels so concerned over the fate of the Dutch East Indies, because American interests in Greenland cannot stand comparison with Japan's vital interests in the Dutch East Indies."

## JAPAN AND TSINGTAO

Commons Concern Over Trade Discrimination

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Captain Alan Graham asked whether the Asia Development Board was responsible for discrimination against British shipping in Tsingtao and elsewhere.

In a written reply, Mr. R. A. Butler said: "I do not think it would serve any useful purpose to assess the responsibility for discrimination of anti-British interests to any particular Japanese agent."

"Wherever such discrimination occurs, representations are made to the appropriate Japanese authority or in the Japanese Government itself."

**Typical Example**  
Mr. Robert Morgan declared that the Japanese authorities in Tsingtao were in a British vessel and was informed that if further shipments were made to the Japanese vessels they would not be accorded the same favourable importation facilities as they would if their cargoes were in Japanese vessels.

Mr. Morgan suggested that this case be taken up with the Japanese Government "as a typical example of the Japanese policy of strangling British trade in the Far East."

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**Wants Precautions Taken**  
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Fatherland Club, a largest nationalist organisation in the Dutch East Indies, has petitioned the government to take precautions against foes from within.

It emphasises the dangers of the local Nazi movement and says that Nazi sympathisers may be found among the authorities of the Dutch East Indies themselves.

**Artil's Statement Queried**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Inchiro Artil's Dutch East Indies statement was the subject of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Captain Alan Graham sought an assurance that the Government did not intend to leave solely to Japan the maintenance of peace in the waters of the Netherlands East Indies in the event of the Netherlands themselves becoming a theatre of war.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that as far as Lord Halifax was aware, the Japanese Government made no claim to be solely responsible for the maintenance of peace in these waters.

In a statement to the Press, Mr. Artil had said that the Japanese Government could not but be deeply concerned at any development consequent upon the aggravation of the war in Europe which might affect the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

**Similar Views**  
Mr. Butler added: "I need hardly say that on this question His Majesty's Government holds similar views."

Mr. Robert Morgan asked whether in case of further developments in the war affecting the Far East Mr. Chamberlain would give an assurance that the Government of the United States would be consulted and whether the adoption of a mutually-agreed policy was possible.

Mr. Butler replied that it was the practice of the Government to keep the United States Government informed on all matters affecting our common interest in the Far East.

The question of future American policy in that region, however, was one on which the United States Government must naturally be the sole arbiter.

**Roosevelt's Hope**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt expressed the hope to-day that in the interests of peace the status quo in the whole Pacific could be maintained.

He was commenting on Mr. Cordell Hull's declaration.

## MORE BRITISH TROOPS LANDED IN NORWAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 18 (UP).—"The landing of British troops in Norway continues. Contact is being made with Norwegian forces and operations are proceeding," states an Admiralty communique to-day.

The Admiralty also announced that on Wednesday the Fleet Air Arm repeatedly engaged German planes trying to attack British warships returning from the bombardment of Stavanger air-drome.

**British Ship Sunk**  
One Heinkel bomber and one Dornier flying boat were brought down and two additional Heinkels and one Dornier were damaged.

All the British planes returned safely, the announcement said. It was further announced that the British steamer Swallow (4,935 tons) was sunk by a U-boat 20 miles off the coast of North Scotland. The crew of 38 have been landed in life-boats.

**Landings Continue**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A War Office communique says: "Landings of British troops in Norway continue. Contact has been made with the Norwegian forces and operations are proceeding."

**Namsos Landing**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—According to a Press report from central Sweden, it seems certain that British troops have landed at Namsos.

**Allied Offensive Predicted**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—German troops in the Trondheim region are making hasty preparations to meet the expected attack by British and Norwegian forces, according to a telephone message from Nordli.

The message states that reports that British units have landed at Namsos 80 miles north of Trondheim have caused great optimism throughout Central Norway.

Reports from Central Norway suggest that an Allied offensive may be launched in a matter of hours. Mobilisation of Norwegian forces in this area is stated to be complete.

German reinforcements are being rushed from Southern Norway in giant transport planes.

British planes are reported to have destroyed five German aircraft in raids on the air fields at Stjordal and Varnes near Trondheim.

It was also stated that seven German planes were destroyed and a direct hit was scored on a petrol dump during Tuesday's raid on Trondheim.

**Advance On Narvik**  
In the north, another British force is reported to be advancing on Narvik, part of which still appears to be in German hands.

An observer, who accompanied a Norwegian detachment which was forced over the Swedish frontier, stated that a large body of British troops, including Canadian ski troops, landed at a fjord north of Narvik, from which there are good communications to the south.

The British had artillery, which the Germans in Narvik are known to lack.

**No Clear Picture**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—News of fighting in Norway arrived in London to-day from many sources, but there is still no clear picture, especially as many of the messages are based on hearsay.

Apparently there has been little change in Southern Norway where the Germans are making small progress around Oslo. Indeed at present they seem to be consolidating their positions.

There are no reports regarding Bergen. In the centre, the Germans are trying to establish themselves at Trondheim to control the railway to the Swedish frontier.

North of that, most of the messages are concerned with Narvik, where they report much activity.

There is no indication of any battle front being formed as yet in that area.

**British Forces Move South**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the Norwegian Government has received a report from the Norwegian Commander in North Trondelag that

## JAPANESE MONOPOLY

Commons Questions On Hankow Trade

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A question on the import trade in Hankow was raised in the House of Commons to-day by Major General Sir A. W. F. Knox who asked whether Mr. Chamberlain was aware that to an increasing extent that city's import trade was being monopolised by the Japanese.

He asked what steps Government was taking to restore and protect British trade in the interior of China.

**Trade At Standstill**  
In replying, Mr. R. A. Butler said that according to the latest information available, trade in Hankow was practically at a standstill, and what little trade remained was in Japanese hands though a few shipments of wood-oil on American account had taken place.

No opportunity was being lost, he said, of drawing the attention of the Japanese Government to the importance which His Majesty's Government attached to the relaxation of the existing restrictions of British trade.

**ADMIRAL SCHEER VICTOR RETURNS**  
LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The submarine Spearfish entered port to-day. Her crew told of their successful attack on the Admiral Scheer.

The Spearfish endured nightmare experiences earlier in the day and did not expect anything like the wonderful opportunity presented to them when the Admiral Scheer was spotted.

The attack lasted only a few minutes. As the Spearfish was escaping the impact of the torpedoes on the German warship were distinctly audible.

**JAPAN AND P.I. IMMIGRATION**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office Spokesman, Mr. Suma, stated: "The Government is paying keen attention to the Philippine Immigration Bill. Its passage would be a great blow to Japan since it unfavourably hits 2,800 immigrants a year who contribute towards the prosperity of the Philippine Islands."

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**British Ship Torpedoed**  
After Escaping From Nazis In Narvik

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The British 5,000-ton steamer Swallow was torpedoed off the north Scottish coast yesterday. The crew of 38 made land in their own boats.

The Swallow was engaged in shipping iron ore and had reached Narvik a few hours after the German occupation. She was accompanied by the steamer Nyanza.

The latter's captain was suspicious of the pilot who looked a German. The pilot took the Swallow in first and no further news of her was received until to-night.

Meantime, the Nyanza was warned by a Polish destroyer and departed.

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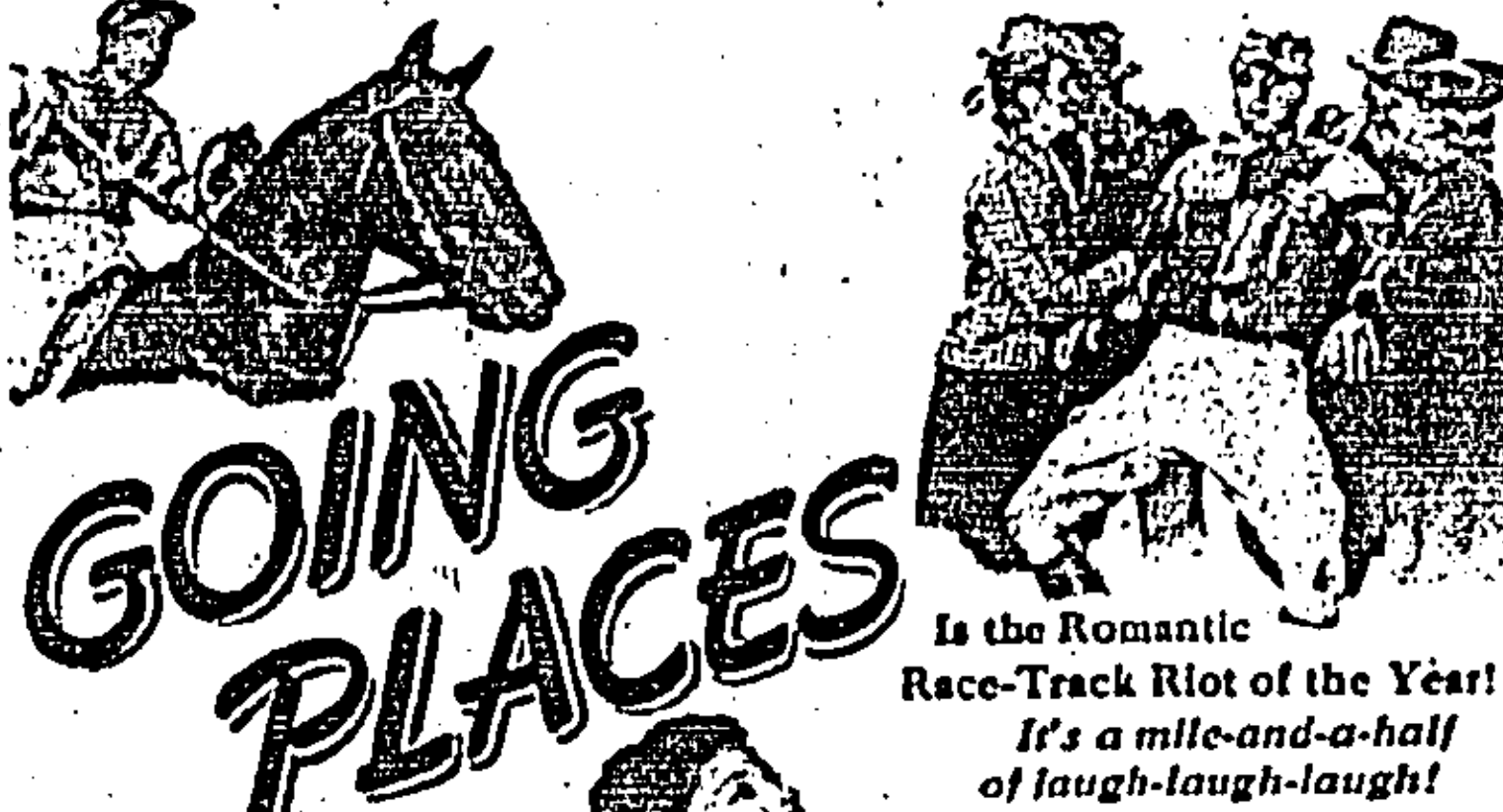


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## Nazi Failure In Norway

Lightning Conquest Aim A Fiasco

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The "New York Herald Tribune" bureau from Berlin writes: "As far as impressing Italians is concerned, the fighting in Scandinavia has been disappointing to the Nazis."

"Instead of being over at the end of the first day, it is still going on after nine days."

Hitler, instead of being able to show Mussolini a lightning victory in Scandinavia, possibly followed by a similar stroke in another direction, can only point to a conquest which is becoming a military drain on the Reich and whose strategic and economic advantages are dubious."

The "New York Times," reporting on Admiral Harold Stark's testimony before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, says: "In the Admiral's opinion, there is no evidence that the Allied supremacy on the seas is threatened. Of the naval losses in the war, aircraft have been responsible for only one sinking—the British destroyer, Gurkha. A British super-dreadnought was hit by a bomb from the air, but the damage was negligible."

## In Favour Of Allies

The Berne "New Zurcher Zeitung" sums up the situation in Norway in favour of the Allies. Eight days after the invasion of Norway, it is clear beyond all doubt that the Germans have only partly attained their objects and, after the early successes, have already suffered a setback," says the paper.

The "National Zeitung" compares the official German announcement of a victory after the Narvik battle with similar German communiques in the Norwegian campaign. "In future years, there may well be much head-shaking over the German communiques of to-day," it says.

## QUEZON WILL VISIT U.S.

Not To Stand Alone For Presidency

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—MANILA, Apr. 19 (UP).—President Manuel Quezon to-day revealed that he is definitely sailing for his trip to the United States after the plebiscite on the Constitutional Amendment which is scheduled for June 18.

He said he intends to campaign in favour of the amendments, particularly for the creation of a bicameral Legislature.

Also, he said he is definitely not running again for the presidency.

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Hon. Norman MacLeod Rogers, Canadian Minister of National Defence, arrived in England to-day to discuss with members of the British Government the various features of Canada's war effort.



JOE E. BROWN, who has just recovered after being involved in a serious car crash.

## Japan's Super Warships

12 Being Built Says U.S. Naval Dept.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, April 18 (UP).—Confirmation that the U.S. Naval Department had received information to the effect that Japan may be building twelve super-battleships of over 40,000 tons each—thus giving her preponderance of battleship tonnage over every Power in the world—was given by Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, to-day.

Admiral Stark was continuing his testimony before the Naval Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate.

## Four This Year

He told the Committee that four Japanese battleships would probably be completed this year.

Between two and five additional battleships are expected to join the Japanese navy before the end of 1944.

Admiral Stark expressed personal doubts of the report that Japan had twelve battleships under construction.

## Trade Mission For Moscow

BELGRADE, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Yugo-Slavian trade mission is leaving here soon for Moscow to discuss a trade treaty between Yugo-Slavia and Soviet Russia.

The news of this has come as a surprise to the Yugo-Slavian people.

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New York. SIX-YEAR-OLD Manfred Hauptmann, son of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who went to the electric chair on April 3, 1936, for the kidnap murder of the Lindbergh baby, was awarded \$5,000 damages by a New York jury to-day.

He claimed for injuries suffered when a motor-car knocked him down on May 4, 1938.

He is subject to a form of epilepsy as a result of the accident, and has a permanent leg injury.

Justice William Love told the jury: "I caution you, don't be influenced in your finding by the name this boy carries."

## WOULD RATHER KILL HER SON

The mother of a Newcastle man appealing against the decision of the local tribunal, which registered him for military service, told the Appeal Tribunal in London that she would not allow him to go to war.

"I would rather kill him myself," she said when her son's appeal was dismissed.

The man, J. N. Brown, of Severus-road, Fenham, Newcastle, said he wanted to register as a conscientious objector in June, but his father would not allow him. He registered when he was called for his medical examination.

## Nazi Sentenced For Espionage

GHENT, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Belgian Military Court here to-day condemned a German, Werner Meithe, a former racing cyclist, to seven years detention for espionage.

## U-Boat Prisoners Landed

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Forty U-boat prisoners were landed at a north-west Scottish port to-night.

## LATE NEWS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Walter Schmidt, announced to-day that the Norwegian Shipowners' Association at Oslo had given instructions through Berlin to all Norwegian vessels to stay in neutral ports or to return to southern Norwegian waters.

Norwegian shipping agents in the Canal Zone, however, state that this German announcement is entirely contrary to the instructions which have been issued by the Norwegian Government to Norwegian masters.

"Norwegian captains are obeying the instructions from their own Government, and not those conveyed through the Germans," one ship agent said.

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# OBITUARY

## Educational Reformer Killed in Accident

London, Apr. 18. Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, educational reformer, has died of injuries to the skull and arm received recently when he was knocked down by a lorry—*Reuter*.

The late Mr. Fisher, historian and statesman, was born in London in 1865. He was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, and in 1888 was elected to a Fellowship there. After studying in Paris and Göttingen he returned to New College as history tutor. In 1908 he delivered the South African Lectures and in 1909 the Lowell Lectures at Boston. He was made Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University in 1912. His political activities began with his appointment to the Royal Commission on the public health in India (1912-5) and in 1916 he became a member of the Government committee on German universities.

When Mr. Lloyd George formed his Coalition Government in 1918, Mr. Fisher was made Minister of Education and was elected Liberal M. P. for the Hullam Division, a seat he exchanged in 1918 for the representation of the Combined English Universities. His great achievement was the extension of education in India which he introduced in 1917. Its chief features were—removal of the limit of 2d. on the rate which could be raised for education by local authorities; establishment of nursery schools; imposition of additional restrictions on employment of children of school age greater facilities for physical training; and the establishment of continuation schools for young people up to 18.

Later he spoke well for his party on foreign affairs. From 1920 to 1922 he was a delegate to the League Assembly.

In 1925 Mr. Fisher accepted the post of Warden of New College, Oxford, on the understanding that he would sever his connection with Parliament. This he did in February 1926, and at a luncheon given in his honor at the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George described Mr. Fisher's Education Act as one of the great measures of all time. At Oxford he found time to do much public work both in connection with education and in safeguarding national amenities. Along with Sir Michael Sadler he was the inspirer of the Oxford Preservation Trust. In 1935 he became one of the Governors of the B.B.C. He was awarded the Order of Merit in 1937. From 1926 to 1932 he was president of the British Academy to which he had been elected in 1907.

Mr. Fisher was a notable historian. His books include: "The Mediaeval Empire," "A Political History of England," "The Republican Tradition in Europe," "Napoleon Bonaparte," "Bonapartism," "A History of Europe" and "The Common Weal."

## Funeral Of Mr. Tsang

After a long funeral pilgrimage from one side of the city to the other, the late Mr. Tsang Fook, manager of Messrs. Tsang Fook & Company, music firm, was buried at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Aberdeen, yesterday afternoon. From Anderson's Funeral Parlour in Caroline Road, the funeral went to the Tsang Fook Piano Factory at North Point, where the workers paid their last respects to the deceased, and then passed through the town to Aberdeen. The Rev. Wong Chung-hoi officiated.

## PRISONERS EXCHANGED

Lyons, Apr. 18. The first wartime exchange of prisoners—thirty-four French civilians interned in Germany in September against 30 German women and children—intervened in France, secured at Basle, this morning under the surveillance of the authorities.—*United Press*.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES, General Manager. Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

## UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED. General Managers.

## THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers. Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Particulars & Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	No. 4242	Nathan Road, opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1305, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan.	About 3,960	\$ 72	\$17,620

## THE LOVE AFFAIR OF M. RICHAUD

PARIS. M. ALBERT RICHAUD, mayor of the town of Valensole, near Nice, looked out of the window of his office in the main street.

He saw, working at her telephone switchboard near a window in the post office, Mlle. Odette Terrasson. The mayor was attracted. He waved to her and shouted. They arranged to meet.

It was a case of love at first sight. Two days later M. Richaud proposed marriage to Odette. "Give me time to think it over," said Odette.

The mayor looked out of his office window again in the hope of catching a glimpse of the woman he loved.

He saw her. She was off duty and she was walking along the street, arm in arm with an alman.

The mayor telephoned Odette. "It is M. Richaud speaking," he said. "I talked you to many times. Your reply is to walk out with another man. I am going to kill myself."

Odette heard a revolver go off. She rushed from the post office to the mayor's parlour. M. Richaud had fallen, with a bullet lodged just over his heart.

He is now recovering in hospital.

## VEGETARIANS WANT BUTTER

Meat rationing is in force in England, but the appeal by vegetarians for an extra ration of butter in lieu of meat is still under consideration. The case for the vegetarians, as outlined by Mr. Frank Wyatt, secretary of the London Vegetarian Society, is that they should be allowed at least 6oz. of butter a week instead of 4oz.

"The Food Ministry," Mr. Wyatt added, "seems to think that we should make up our requirements for fats with margarine. The answer to that is that there are only three brands of margarine entirely of vegetable origin."

"These brands are not readily obtainable, and only one has vitamin D." The others have only vitamin A.

## Accidental Killing

Lui Fat, 42, master of a cargo boat, was the victim of a shooting incident at Tam Kon San, Chinese Territory, when he was accidentally shot by a watchman, who mistook the intentions of Lui and his folks.

His body was brought to Aberdeen yesterday, and sent to the Public Mortuary.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Business was again reported in H.K. Banks at \$1,510 and Unions at \$600 but the rest of the Market was neglected.

**BUYERS**  
Bank of E. Asia \$73  
H.K. Fire Ins \$171  
H.K. Steamships \$11  
H.K. Docks Cum Rs \$21 1/4  
H.K. Docks X Rs \$10.40  
Providents \$4.35  
H. S. Hotels \$4.05 X.D.  
Lands \$30.85  
Rentals \$4.40  
Trams \$17.65  
Electric \$65.40  
Macao Electric \$22 1/4  
Telephones (old) \$28.40  
Telephones (new) \$10  
H.K. Ropes \$5 1/4  
Dairy Farms \$21 1/4  
Watsons \$9.35  
Win Powell \$1  
Entertainments \$0.80  
Sellers  
H.K. Docks Cum Rs \$22  
Trams \$18  
Sales  
H.K. Banks \$1,510  
Unions \$600  
H. S. Hotels \$4.70 X.D.  
Electric \$65.70  
Watsons \$9.35

## INAUGURAL DANCE

### Australian Chinese To Entertain

The Chinese Australasian Association of Hongkong will hold their inaugural dance at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. No special launch has been arranged as has been the usual custom, since the Star Ferry Company is now running a 2.30 a.m. ferry.

During the course of the evening there will be community singing, in which Mrs. Sylvia Choy, and the Misses Elwile, Henry Ching, Ng Chow, Thomas Lee and Teddy Ng. Quinn will render solos. Cabaret items have also been arranged as follows:

Miss Bonnie Ching, in a toe dance; "The Chickadees", comprising the Misses Doreen Ma and Frances Lee, and Messrs. Herbert Tong, George Chow, Thomas Lee and Teddy Ng; Mrs. Porcy Chen in a ballet dance; and Miss Gloria Yee and Mr. Thomas Lee in a ballroom dance.

The Dance Committee are Madam O. Ma, Pauline Yee, Fannie Chow, Henry Ching, I. Law, and V. Chan, the Misses Doreen Ma, and Sue Ming and Messrs. Henry Ma, and Yinson Lee.

# Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/8
Demand	1/2 1/8
T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	91 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	21 1/4
T.T. Manila	43
T.T. Batavia	39 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150
T.T. Saigon	108 1/4
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	10.00
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/8
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P	23 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	22 1/4
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/a India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.51 1/2

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## BANKS

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H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)... 204 n.  
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Chartered... 9 1/4  
Mercantile, A. & E. E... 30 1/4  
Mercantile, C. & E... 12 1/2  
East Asia... 73 b.

## INSURANCES

Canton \$... 230 n.  
Unions \$... 600 sa.  
China Underwriters \$... 85 cts. n.  
H.K. Fire \$... 171 b.

## SHIPPING

Douglases \$ x.d... 145 n.  
Steamboats \$... 11 b.  
Indo-Chinas \$... 100 n.  
Indo-Chinas D.S... 80 n.  
Shell (Bearers) \$/-... 72 1/6 n.  
Waterboats \$... 7 1/2 n.

## DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$... 90 1/2 n.  
Docks (x. rts.)... 22 s.  
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Sh. Docks Sh. \$... 47 1/4 n.

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Rauba \$... 9.05 n.  
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## LANDS

Hotels \$... x.d... 4.70 sa.  
Lands \$... 36 1/4 n.  
Lands 4% Debentures... 100 n.  
Shai Lands Sh. \$... 15.20 n.  
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Chinese Estates \$... 103 n.

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Sandakan Lights \$... 11 1/4 n.  
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## COTTON MILLS

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Constructions (new) \$... 1 n.  
Vibro Piling \$... .8 n.  
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.Bds. 52% n.  
H.K. Govt 4% Loan... 102 n.  
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# Appeal By The Soong Sisters

## Ask United States For Friendly Aid To China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In their first joint broadcast, the three Soong sisters, who are together in Chungking for the first time, to-day appealed to America for her continued friendly aid to China.

Madame Sun Yat-sen began the morning's programme, which was relayed to the United States. Her broadcast reached approximately four million listeners, it is estimated.

Madame Sun's appeal was followed by talks by Madame H. H. Kung and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. According to Chinese Press reports the three sisters left this morning for Chengtu to inspect industrial and co-operative organisations there.

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# POST OFFICE

As from 16th April 1940 the inclusive air mail postage rates will be as follows:

Imperial Airways Services

Destination Letters Postcard per 1/2 oz. each

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Dutch East Indies

Iran

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Thailand (Siam) .30 .18

Other places .120 .00

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Dutch East Indies

Iran \$1.15 \$0.52

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Great Britain,

Northern Ireland,

Eire, Malta, and

Gibraltar) 1.20 .00

The inclusive air mail postage rates for the "A. P. M." and "Pan American Airways" services, and the postage rates for surface transport are unchanged. A blue air mail label must be affixed to all air mail correspondence.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

## INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 10th April. Japan, Shanghai and Formosa Apr. 19.



# MAGAZINE PAGE

The Private Lives of—

## Elizabeth and Essex

FILM: "Elizabeth & Essex".  
STARS: Bette Davis, Errol Flynn.  
VERDICT: Outstanding.

HERE IS a film that will leave you breathless, both for its remarkable Technicolour—perhaps the best ever seen on the screen—and for the beauty of its acting.

Bette Davis, thrice winner of the coveted Academy award, gives one of the best performances of her career. Her performance as the "virgin" Queen is striking.

The film recounts the turbulent romance of the famous Queen and her courtier, Essex, his downfall and execution.

Errol Flynn is a fitting courtier, and the supporting cast, which includes Olivia de Havilland, Donald Crisp, Alan Hale and Henry Stephenson, are excellent.

Hongkong will get its first glimpse of the film, if it wishes, at a charity gala to-night, which will be attended by Lady Northcote, and at which the Band of the 1st. Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, will render the overtures. Miss Barbara Gilman will also give two numbers from the stage.

To-night's gala premiere is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

"The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" is to be road-shown as from to-morrow. But the extra you'll pay as roadshow prices will also go to the B.W.O.F., which should benefit substantially from the five day showing.

FILM: "Comet Over Broadway".  
STARS: Kay Francis, Ian Hunter.  
VERDICT: Uncommon theme.

KAY Francis is seen in this film as a small-town wife with stage ambitions. She is flattered by the attentions of a visiting famous actor.

He is accidentally killed by her husband and the film goes on to show how the wife becomes herself a famous star in the process of making enough money to secure her husband's freedom from prison.

It is a theme somewhat out of the common rut and though some of the situations are conventional in their emotional tug, the net entertainment has much to commend it.

Kay Francis is ably supported by John Littel as her husband, Ian Hunter as a Broadway producer and Sybil Jason as the growing-up daughter.

FILM: "When To-morrow Comes".  
STARS: Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer.

VERDICT: For Boyer fans.

THIS is a simple film dealing with the mere encounter of two unfortunate lovers, one of whom has a lunatic wife whose lucid moments are very rare.

Irene Dunne is a waitress and Charles Boyer a famous pianist. They meet and are improbably drawn to each other. They attend a strike meeting, go out yachting.



### WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY

ORIENTAL: "When To-morrow Comes".

KING'S: "Comet Over Broadway".

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Everything's on Ice".

KING'S 9.30 p.m.: Special Premiere of "Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex".

TO-MORROW

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get caught in a thunderstorm and escape from a hurricane to a church.

The film fades out with a wistful look on the waitress's face and the indication that these two will meet again when the coast is somehow clear.

The two stars give competent performances. Irene Dunne sings once in addition, and the capable director has arranged it so that there is no artificiality attached to the staging of the song. Which is no mean achievement.

IN the Money: Mickey Rooney. Statisticians estimate that this young man earned for his employers during 1939 the staggering sum of \$5,000,000 from world cinemas.

Not even Shirley Temple, not even Snow White, could do this.

Rooney's end of this jackpot is announced at \$200 a week, with a \$2,000 bonus per picture—which makes his salary \$22,000 a year at nineteen.

Time reports that with this money he has acquired a ranch, a racehorse, a twelve-room home, nineteen radios, a jazz band, two dogs, the junior singles tennis championship of the Pacific Southwest (though I guess he had to sweat for that), a wardrobe like Clark Gable, two cars, a hide-away apartment in Beverly Hills, a football team, a coloured valet, a collection of pipes, a golf score in the 80's, a guitar, a saxophone, two pianos, a kiss from Bette Davis, a broken leg, eighty chickens, three turkeys, six canaries and a parrot.

So busy is Rooney nowadays that he sends his pa, old-time vaudeville "hooker" Joe Yule, out in one of the cars to collect his "date" for the evening.

### ... There ARE no stokers in the Navy

"THERE are no more stokers in the Royal Navy."

Stokers, as such, are a vanishing race. Stoker Arnold may be down in the Navy List as a stoker, but neither he nor any of his colleagues do any stoking.

All submarines are electrically driven, so there are no fires to tend; neither are there any more coal-burning ships in the Navy. The men who tend the oil fires in H.M. ships now wear white overalls, and, instead of heaving shovels of coal into blazing furnaces, just turn on a tap which regulates the oil jets.

STOKING has become a kid-glove job, and it is almost the same in the Merchant Service now, as well as in the Navy.

The advent of oil fuel has done away with coal-burning ships more rapidly even than steam supplanted sail. Less than ten years ago there was hardly an oil-burning mailboat on the London-Australia run.

The old Mauretania carried 200 stokers when she burnt coal. The new one has 20 boiler-room attendants. But (I must add this) the Transatlantic record Mauretania No. 1 set up when her speed depended on the calibre of her stokers stood for 15 years.

TOWNS like Grays, Tilbury, and Gravesend have been badly hit by the vanishing of stokers from the sea. Almost since the first steamer crossed the Atlantic these towns, with Liverpool, have supplied the best steam-makers afloat.

Oil fuel was a heaven-sent blessing to the Royal Navy. Officers and men who served in H.M. ships when they burnt coal shudder if you mention these days to them now, days of which the new generation of sailors know nothing.

Never again will a brawny, half-stoker rattle a shovel down in the bowels of a Royal Navy ship and come off watch looking like a black man. Even the majority of new tramp steamers nowadays enjoy the luxury of oil fuel.

NOEL MONKS.

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In 1940 to meet the increasing needs of sick and destitute children in Hong Kong, against which the income to date is \$12,000 only.

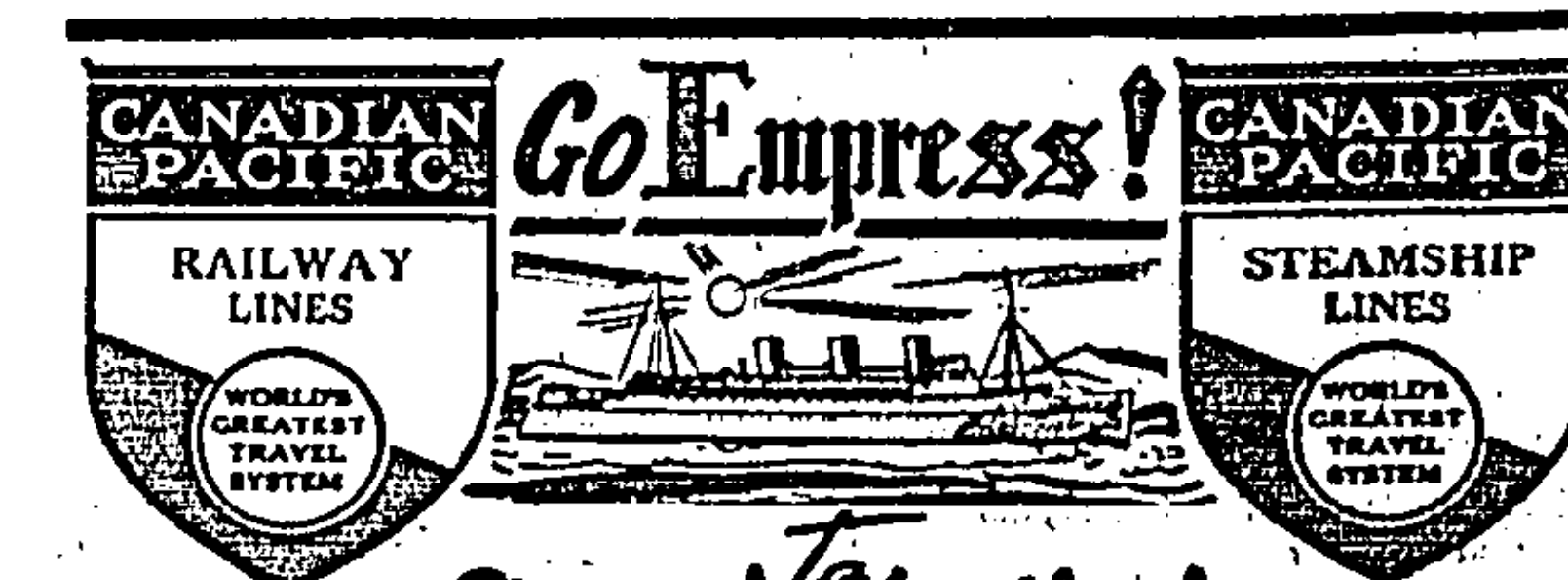
In order to continue its work, the Society appeals for the balance of \$23,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October. A copy of the Annual Report for 1939 may be obtained from:

Mr. A. McKELLAR, C.A.

c/o Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building

Mr. KWOK CHAN, c/o The Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hong Kong.

Hon. Treasurers.



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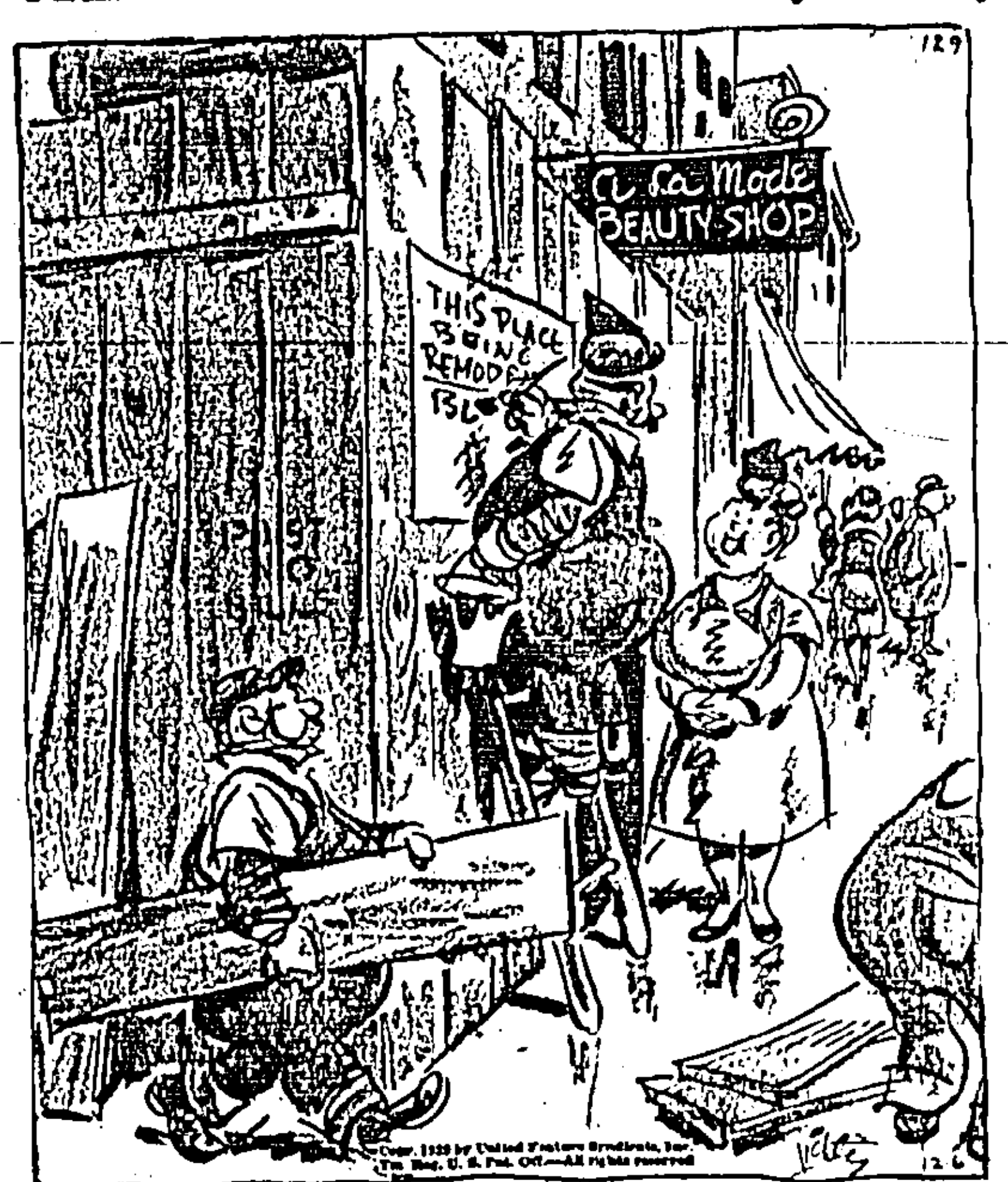
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### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"—and would you put on: 'Alterations going on inside as usual!'"

### SPOTTING THE RANK Instructor Officers

These are differentiated from officers of the Executive branch by light blue cloth between the gold stripes on the cuffs of jackets and the shoulders of greatcoats.

When war began there were exactly 100 Instructor Officers on the active list, of whom 34 were temporary Instructor Lieutenants. Permanent ranks comprised four Instructor Captains, 41 Instructor Commanders, 16 Instructor Lieutenant-Commanders and five Instructor Lieutenants. Senior of them all is Instructor Captain A. E. Hall, who holds the appointment of Director of the

Education Department of the Admiralty.

Normally only big ships carry Instructor Officers. They are responsible for the training in certain subjects of the midshipmen on board, as well as for the polishing up, educationally, of lower deck candidates for advancement.

A senior Instructor Officer, either an Instructor Captain or Instructor Commander, is carried in certain fleet flagships for duty as Fleet Adviser on Education. Others are borne on the staffs of the Commanders-in-Chief at the Home ports, with the official status of Port Education Officer.

### IN FRANCE TODAY

## THE TWO WORDS THAT MATTER

THE walls of the dead and empty city of Strasbourg are still plastered with notices over six months old calling Frenchmen to arms.

Elsewhere, later decrees have covered that momentous summons, but this frontier city, emptied of human life almost as suddenly and as drastically as Pompeii centuries ago, serves to remind one of the mood of France at the outbreak of war.

The Frenchman knows that from the moment of his mobilisation everything about his life becomes utterly abnormal. His pay, in most cases, drops to less than twopence a day, with entirely inadequate allowances for his wife and children. His one ambition is to get the business over quickly.



There are two words, salut public—public safety—which play a very important part at such times. They explain the readiness with which the Frenchman downs tools and takes up arms. And also the readiness with which he puts into cold storage all the advantages gained after years of social struggle.

In the great Renault works at Auteuil the men, not so long ago, were giving the lead to the whole of France in the demand for a 40-hour week. Those of them who remain after mobilisation has swept over the factory are working 60 hours for the same pay at a time when the cost of living is leaping like the temperature chart of an influenza victim.

They do it because of those two words, salut public, and because they have a fairly clear idea of what would happen to them and their country if Hitler were to win.

There is now, after six months of stalemate, a growing interest in the maintenance or restoration of civil liberties.

M. Daladier recognised it ten days ago by his sudden announcement that the Press censorship, except for purely military matters, was to be abolished. The abolition certainly is not premature; for there were absurdities which almost made one doubt the united determination of the French to win the war.

The Government has returned to the sensible doctrine proclaimed by M. Clemenceau in his Ministerial declaration of November 19, 1917: "We have paid too high a price for our liberties," he said then, "to cede anything of them beyond taking care to prevent the spreading of news or inflammatory statements which might help the enemy."

In times of war, as in times of peace, freedom is exercised under the personal responsibility of the writer. Once you go beyond that rule everything becomes arbitrary or anarchical.

France is now on the eve of a much severer test of her liberties. Next week will begin the trial of the Communist deputies on the charge of "reconstituting a dis-

solved political party", and, although there are probably fewer people in France than here who find excuses for the close relations between Stalin and Hitler, the conduct of the trial may be one of the big events of the war.

There are many thousands of French workmen who are grateful to the dynamism and courage of the Communist leaders in their factories in the struggle for a shorter working day and who are now for the first time reading Marx and other expounders of a doctrine which has landed these local leaders in gaol.

On September 28 the Communist Party, with more than 70 members of Parliament, was dissolved.

The members were presumably still free to sit in the Chamber, but they have no power unless they belong to a recognised group. Thus

only speakers actually mandated by a recognised group may take part in debates on such important matters as the Budget.

Some 45 of them formed another group, theoretically open to members of any political party, but in fact consisting only of ex-Communists. The existence of this group was recognised by M. Herriot, President of the Chamber.

On October 1 the group sent a letter to M. Herriot urging that if, as was then expected, Hitler made a peace offer, and if it was supported by the Soviet Union, the offer should not be prejudged by attacks in the Press, but should be discussed in Parliament, to see whether "a just and durable peace" which safeguarded the independence of France was not possible.

Thereupon the members of the group were arrested and imprisoned. The right-wing Cagoulauds, whose treachery included the smuggling of arms believed to come from Germany, were given special treatment in the Santé prison whereas the Communists, including one man who is blind and one who lost both legs and roughly a score of others who had fought

in the last war, were at first treated as common criminals.

The answer to that is that France is now at war. But the leaders of the Cagoulauds, despite their plots to overthrow the Third Republic with German help, are restored to positions of influence and M. Callaux, in his same prison during the last war, was accorded the special treatment reserved for political prisoners.

The case of the Communists is still sub judice, but they have been attacked as traitors by M. Daladier in the Chamber, and there is a report that the trial, when it does begin will take place behind closed doors.

If it is held in camera France, one fears, will have lost a battle on the home front. And if one may judge by the Press since the censorship was removed, it is a battle which the Government might so easily win.

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## NEW SHIP LAUNCHED

Successful Event At Taikoo Dockyard

The Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company yesterday evening successfully launched the "Hanyang," the first of three vessels building for the China Navigation Co., Ltd. The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. C. C. Roberts, wife of the local manager of Butterfields & Swire, and witnessed by an interested launching party.

A single-screw, passenger and cargo vessel, the "Hanyang" has the following features: Length B.P. 208 feet, breadth 44 feet, depth moulded to upper deck 25 feet, gross tonnage 2,800, deadweight approx. 3,000 tons.

One-Class Accommodation

The accommodation for passengers is arranged in single and double state rooms, on the upper and promenade decks, and will be all one class. A tastefully laid out lounge has been arranged at the fore end of the promenade deck with a main stairway leading down to the dining saloon on the upper deck, and throughout the officers and passengers accommodation, the Thermo-tank heating and ventilating system has been introduced, and should prove a distinct feature of this ship.

The machinery space is situated amidships and consists of one set of inverted, direct-acting surface condensing, triple expansion N.E.M. re-heater engines, built by Taikoo under licence from Messrs. The North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., with a normal output of 1,350 I.H.P. Steam is generated in two multitubular return-tube type boilers, arranged to turn coal under Howden's system of forced draught and fitted with "Nemeco" combustion chamber type superheaters.

## Abortive Raid On Shetlands

Heinkel Chased Off By Fighters

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Heinkel plane flew over part of the Shetland Islands this afternoon. Many of them were wearing Norwegian caps.

No bombs were dropped and the air raid warning lasted only 22 minutes.

About 100 naval survivors arrived at a north-west Scottish port to-night.

Many of them were wearing Norwegian caps.

R.A.F. Losses

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—It is learned that between April 7 and April 17 the Air Force lost 22 planes as announced by the Air Ministry.

According to figures compiled from official and reliable neutral reports during the same period, at least 20 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed and a further 19 so badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

This does not include any German planes downed by the Fleet Air Arm nor the great number of machines that must have been damaged or destroyed during the Air Force raids on Stavanger and the fleet bombardment of it.

"QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE"

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that it has been a quiet day on the whole.

A diver identified the wreck of a German submarine which was attacked by one of our sloops a few weeks ago.

At that time the destruction of the submarine was not certain and the news was not officially announced by the French Admiralty.

Nazi Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 18 (UP).—The German High Command has issued the following communiqué on the operations on the Western Front:

"Southwest of Saarbrücken, an enemy patrol company attacked a German sentry post. The enemy were repulsed with the loss of about 15 men.

On other sectors, intermittent artillery fire increased steadily in intensity."

ADMIRAL SCHEER VICTOR RETURNS

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The submarine Spearfish entered port to-day. Her crew told of their successful attack on the Admiral Scheer.

The Spearfish endured nightmare experiences earlier in the day and did not expect anything like the wonderful opportunity presented to them when the Admiral Scheer was spotted.

The attack lasted only a few minutes. As the Spearfish was escaping the impact of the torpedoes on the German warship were distinctly audible.

Warships Versus Aircraft Lesson

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—Admiral Harold S. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, said: "Germany's position in Norway appears to be still very strong, with her line of communication between Bergen and the south well maintained.

"As far as the Navy knows only one warship—a British destroyer—has been sunk by air bombing since the European war started and aircraft have accounted for only 1 per cent. of the shipping losses.

## FURTHER PRECAUTIONS BY NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

LONDON, APR. 18 (REUTER).—FOLLOWING MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON, "REUTER" LEARNS ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO FEELING IN LONDON THAT THE BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF ATTACK, LITTLE DOUBT IS HELD THAT ALLIED FORCE WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE USED TO PROTECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE BALKAN COUNTRIES AGAINST ANY THREAT THAT MIGHT ARISE.

IT IS POINTED OUT THAT DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR THE BALKAN ENTENTE IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND TO DEVELOP THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE BALKAN COUNTRIES.

It is recognised in London that the independence of each country is of common interest to all and anything that can be done to promote real Balkan solidarity will be done.

### TRADE ASSISTANCE

It is understood that the work of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation will be directed to supplementing rather than supplanting the existing channels of trade.

The purpose is to develop commercial exchanges on a permanent basis.

It is understood that this involves assistance to the Balkans to develop their own resources.

To a considerable extent the trade will likely be on a barter basis and the question of enabling the Balkan countries to buy production goods on a kind of instalment system and paying for them with their own products would receive the most sympathetic consideration.

### SWITZERLAND PREPARED

ZURICH, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"We will attack energetically everywhere" are the words in a decree signed by M. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, President of the Swiss Confederation, and General Guisan, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, regarding arrangements in case of a surprise invasion.

Soldiers on leave, except those abroad, and all military vehicles and draught horses will be immediately mobilised.

The decree envisages measures against parachutists, saboteurs and propagandists serving the enemy, and enjoins the civilians to obey the military authorities.

The decree is not due to a deterioration of the situation which is considered to have improved slightly.

Swiss Mobilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Federal Council has called up 55,000 more territorials, of which about 32,000 will be called on May 6 and June 17.

Swiss Measures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BASLE, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Federal Council and Swiss Army Command have issued a joint statement, announcing that measures have been adopted in order to meet the menace of any surprise invasion of Switzerland.

The announcement is directed to the civilian population and militiamen who are not under arms when and if an attack occurs.

They are enjoined to take no notice whatsoever of any reports spread by radio, leaflets or otherwise during an invasion, which cast any doubt on the Federal Council or Army Command's firm resolution and determination to resist invaders.

All reports of this nature, the statement declares, must be regarded by the populace as enemy propaganda designed to weaken resistance.

"The country will defend itself by all the means in its power," the announcement concludes.

Germany And Rumania

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 18 (Dome).—Germany's intentions towards Rumania are the subject of speculation in Berlin to-night.

Well-informed quarters believe that the Nazi leader will continue his diplomatic activities in the Balkans side by side with his military operations.

No British Threat

LONDON, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Allies will never threaten the independence of the Danubian or Balkan States, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

He said the purpose of the recent discussions among British envoys to the Balkans was for the preservation of peace and the promotion of security for the Balkan and Danubian countries.

"No one of these States, between whom it is the desire of the Allies to see a growth of mutual understanding, has any cause to fear the Allies, for their forces will never threaten their independence or integrity," the Premier said.

JAPAN AND P.I. IMMIGRATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office Spokesman, Mr. Suma, stated: "The Government is paying keen attention to the Philippine Immigration Bill. Its passage would be a great blow to Japan since it unfairly hits 2,800 immigrants a year who contribute towards the prosperity of the Philippine Islands.

## RED CROSS APPEAL

Canton Residents To Buy Ambulance

The French and British Communities of Canton have decided to launch a campaign among themselves and among sympathisers with the allied cause resident in Canton for the collection of funds for the Allied Red Cross.

It is hoped to collect sufficient funds for the purchase of an ambulance to be presented with full equipment and a suitable inscription to the central Allied Red Cross organization. It is felt that it would be an encouragement to aim at some definite object rather than to collect funds vaguely for Red Cross work, and it is also believed that there may be some propaganda value in the presentation of a complete ambulance unit contributed by a small and distant allied community such as that of Shanghai.

### Ambulances Needed

Some voices have been raised in protest against the choice of an ambulance, but it is clear that ambulances are needed and that the purchase of an ambulance by private subscription will set the funds equivalent to the value of the ambulance presented for whatever purpose they may be more urgently required.

At the present time there are resident in Hongkong many people who would normally consider themselves members of the Canton community and who would probably like to associate themselves with this communal effort. It would be greatly appreciated if any such persons who wish to contribute to the fund would send cheques made payable to the Franco-British Fund either to Mrs. A. Price, British Consulate-General, Canton, or to Mme. F. Saugon, Consulate de France, Canton.

It is hoped that former residents of Shanghai will not allow themselves to be outdone in generosity by the present members of the foreign community of Canton.

### Civil Disobedience Threat In India

WARDHA, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—

After four days' deliberations, in which Mahatma Gandhi participated, the Congress Working Committee has called to Congress Committees throughout India to prepare for a declaration of "Satyagraha" (Civil Disobedience).

The resolution recommends members of Congress who are unable to shoulder the burden of struggle under the disciplined guidance of Congress to resign their executive positions, and again emphasises fulfilment of Gandhi's conditions for the civil disobedience campaign.

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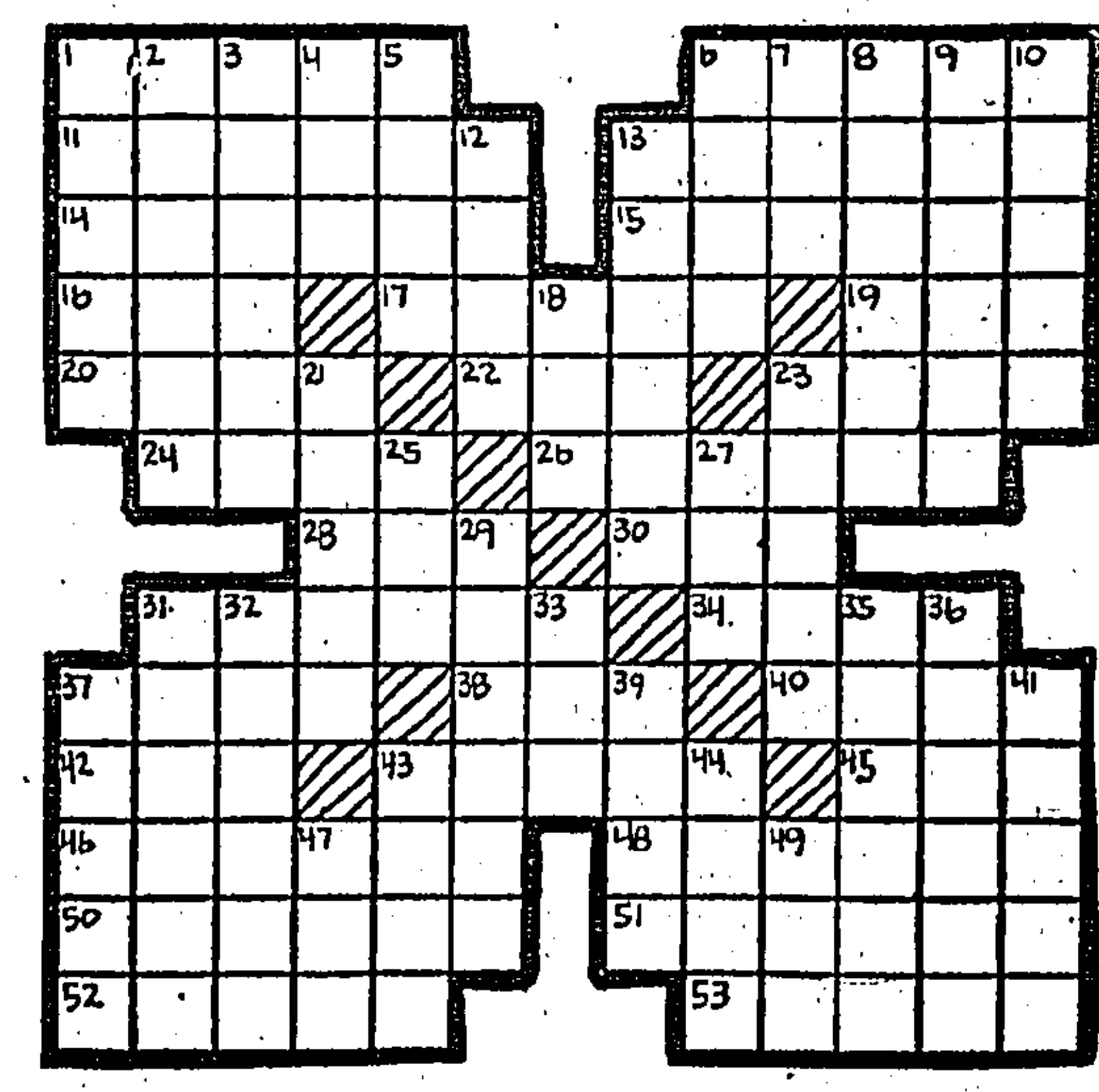
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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| ACROSS                              | DOWN                                    |
| 1—Contingencies                     | 1—Drive volatile constituents from coal |
| 2—Dish of egg and milk              | 2—Cation                                |
| 3—Famous blind woman                |   |
| 4—Pertaining to one's               |   |
| 5—Birth                             |   |
| 6—Terminus                          |   |
| 7—Support of anything               |   |
| 8—Neurotic spasm                    |   |
| 9—Arrive                            |   |
| 10—Sudden                           |   |
| 11—Most advantageous                |   |
| 12—Smooth and sat                   |   |
| 13—Satisfied                        |   |
| 14—Fission                          |   |
| 15—Fit out                          |   |
| 16—Foot                             |   |
| 17—Pictureque                       |   |
| 18—Deprive of feeling               |   |
| 19—Sound of cat                     |   |
| 20—Decade                           |   |
| 21—Leaving agent                    |   |
| 22—Beer-like brew                   |   |
| 23—Top story                        |   |
| 24—Blot fast                        |   |
| 25—To yawn                          |   |
| 26—Examined                         |   |
| 27—Legal action to recover property |   |
| 28—Crime of derision                |   |
| 29—Notable achievement              |   |
| 30—Intrinsically                    |   |
| 31—Addition to house                |   |
| 32—One who sees future              |   |
| 33—Use of great persuasion          |   |
| 34—Brings together                  |   |
| 35—Plan                             |   |
| 36—Hail                             |   |
| 37—Long-range ride man              |   |
| 38—European dung beetle             |   |
| 39—Store from                       |   |
| 40—Superstition                     |   |
| 41—Extra allowance                  |   |
| 42—Strong liquor                    |   |
| 43—Play on words                    |   |
| 44—Conferred upon                   |   |
| 45—Morose                           |   |
| 46—Malayan dagger                   |   |
| 47—Type of bed                      |   |
| 48—Pertaining to movement           |   |
| 49—Get free on security             |   |
| 50—Agreement                        |   |
| 51—Break                            |   |
| 52—Equate                           |   |
| 53—State positively                 |   |
| 54—Coagulated portion of milk       |   |
| 55—Devised                          |   |
| 56—Petal digit                      |   |



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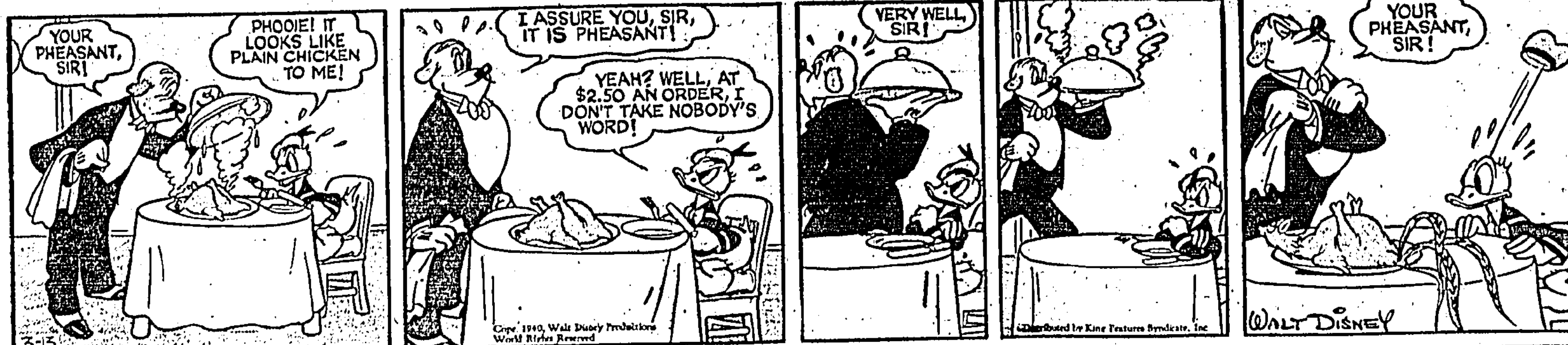
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## REYNAUD'S TRIUMPH

Cheered By All Sections Of French Senate

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The secret session of the Senate which began last Tuesday ended today.

It proved a great personal triumph for M. Paul Reynaud, the Premier, who spoke for an hour at the end of the debate and reviewed the entire military, political and diplomatic situation.

No vote was taken as the object of the debate was only to hear reports from the army, navy and air commissions of the Senate.

## Storm Of Applause

However, prolonged applause from all sides of the House at the end of the Premier's speech indicated the Senators' sentiments.

A storm of applause greeted M. Reynaud's emphatic declaration that the Government intended to pursue its efforts to win the war in the closest co-operation with Parliament.

According to all signs, the development of the war situation and the Government's handling of it has enormously strengthened M. Reynaud's parliamentary position.

## Labour Party To Be Non-Communist

SYDNEY, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. J. O. Lums, former Labour Premier of New South Wales, today formed a new Australian Labour Party to be styled "Non-Communist."

He has the support of eight State and seven Federal members of Parliament.

## LETTERS

'Erbert 'Iggs Again

To The Editor,  
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mister editor,—conlume wot a skyward!

eres a lot of people ritin letters to say they wants to meet mister erbert iggs in a lot of uver people saying they knows who e is

will you ples tell em mister erbert that i aint ritin any of these ere unanimes letters in i mite be in the navy an i mite be in the army an i mite be in the bloomin airforce

i am jus plain erbert iggs an i mite be a senuor or an inshoreance bloke or i mite be a sanitary inspektor

thats one thing that i trewly aint —an thats a dockyard matey altho a lot of peupl thinks i am becos of the way i writes you as to, be very eddicated ter be in the dockyard

out ere the dockyard peupl are on reely posh ones, they dont take their dinners to work in little red ankercheeds but they as senuors on mash most days on kippers on friday an calls it tiffin and they washes their ands every time they goes in the lav thats proper honk style aint it but they still saves saturday nite for barfuite

sorry this ere letter aint so brite mister erbert but i am a bit worried abart ole alf 'e sez 'e as got honkong, darg i dont know egzactly wot it is but it seems ter me 'e might ave a whole blinkin titter of pipples corlavaduck 'e has been dashin abart wiv is coat tails at the orizontel for the last couple of days

maybe 'e as got afletes foot—thats anuvver name fer rotten hocks—yores trewly erbert iggs

## SHIPPING LOSSES

Only 1% Of Britain's Tonnage Affected

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Sir Arthur Saller, of the Ministry of Shipping, stated tonight that allowing for new construction, capture and purchase, Britain has well over 99 per cent as much tonnage as at the outbreak of war.

Our average monthly rate of loss up to now is 88,000 tons compared with 154,000 tons over the whole four years of the last war.

## Heavy Nazi Losses

Losses to the German merchant navy by capture, sinking or scuttling have been three times as great as the British losses, and have amounted to one-tenth of the German total tonnage.

Danish vessels in Danish ports have fallen under German control, but the great bulk of Danish ships and almost all Norwegian ships are happily elsewhere and can continue upon their lawful occasions.

We are bound to take measures to prevent German orders being obeyed and Danish ships earning money for the Germans.

## U-Boat Prisoners Landed

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Forty U-boat prisoners were landed at a north-west Scottish port tonight.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1890.  
German influence has induced the Sultan of Zanzibar to withdraw the concession of the islands of Manda and Patta from the British Africa Company. The latter company has declined to accept the withdrawal.

The French papers consider that Prince Bismarck's refusal of the Chancellorship is a guarantee of peace. There is less excitement in Berlin than in any other of the European capitals. The people in Berlin express great confidence in the Emperor William.

Mr. Parnell has filed denials of the accusations preferred against him by Captain O'Shea in connection with his association with Mrs. O'Shea. The respondent asks for a month's delay, to which the plaintiff objects, urging that Mr. Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea are delaying the proceedings to serve the former's political ends.

Austria has resolved to spend two million florins in the purchase of smokeless powder.

A number of Maxim guns for use by British Regiments will probably reach India during the current year.

A military balloon which ascended from Berlin collapsed over the forest of Posen. A soldier who was in the car was killed and a Corporal of Engineers who was in charge had his legs broken by the fall.

25 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1915.  
It is stated at Rotterdam that the fighting south east of Ypres was very fierce. The wounded are arriving at Bruges and it is stated that the enemy is preparing to evacuate Menin.

Killed: Sir Roland Corbet, B. F. Douglas, C. Stirling, H. M. Whithead (East Surrey).  
Died of wounds: A. Brickwood.  
Wounded: Second Lieut. R. Armstrong (Worcestershire), F. Dorrien Smith, J. L. Drummond, G. J. Harvey, C. H. Hood, R. Jackson, R. Leitch, W. F. Lloyd (Liverpool), C. Melrose (Royal Scots), H. J. Milne, C. Spelling, S. Webster, V. Whitaker, B. Wroford.

To-night's "London Gazette" announces the awards of five further Victoria Crosses to the following:—  
Private Barber, of the 1st Grenadier For. at Neuve Chapelle, running in advance of his company and throwing bombs. When the Company came up they found him quite alone, and the enemy surrendered on all sides.  
Lance Corporal Fuller, of the 1st Grenadier For. at Neuve Chapelle, preventing retreat and fifty of the enemy escaping along a communication trench. He killed the leader with a bomb, and the remainder of the enemy were killed or wounded.  
Lieut. Martin, of the Royal Engineers, at Spanbroekmolen, though wounded, led his company to the enemy's trenches and held back the reinforcements for two and a half hours.  
Private Marshall, of the Cameronians, For. at La Pottellerie, endeavouring to rescue, under the heaviest fire, a wounded man, who was killed before he was able to be saved, and, on the same day, carrying a wounded officer while exposed to a very severe fire, a distance of 300 yards into safety.

Private Tolleston, of the Cameron Highlanders, at the Battle of the Ancre, despite a heavy fire, carried a wounded officer to a place of greater safety. Although wounded, he struggled back to the firing line and, when the Battalion retired he returned to the officer and remained with him for three days till both were rescued.

10 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1930.  
A crowd of 30,000 monarchists, highly enthusiastic and very orderly, today demonstrated loyally to His Majesty the King in the Plaza del Toros, the principal square of Madrid.

Dr. Robert Bridges, the Poet Laureate, died at the age of 86.

5 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1935.  
It is understood that the naval authorities in Hongkong have made an offer through the Japanese Consulate General, to render any help that may be required in connection with the Formosa earthquake disaster. At the moment, it is not known whether any aid has been reached.

Already the toll of lives has reached 2,700 and it is expected that further casualties will be reported from parts of Formosa still out of communication with the outside world because of disrupted telephone and wireless systems. Railways, too, have been disorganised, many tunnels having collapsed. The heaviest loss of life is reported from Taihu Province, where 1,100 are dead. Besides the killed 3,235 are injured, many of them seriously.

## MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

Gayda States Italian Attitude

ROME, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"Italy's Mediterranean policy is not a policy of domination but of collaboration with all the Powers, and primarily with the Mediterranean nations," writes Signor Gayda in the "Giornale D'Italia."

"The Mediterranean system which Italy has in mind must be based on the equilibrium of rights and national strength and on the international guarantee of freedom of movement and of exit."

"This system also implies collaboration between Italy and Islam in conformity with Italy's traditional and present policy both in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea," he concludes.

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2.15 Close Down.

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6.35 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.37 The London Theatre Orchestra.

6.55 Dance Music.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Piano Selections by Billy Mayerl.

8.15 London Relay—"1066 and All That."

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Elgar—"Woodland Interlude" (from "Carnations," Op. 35) and "Dream Children" Op. 45, Nos. 1 and 2.

London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.

9.54 Two Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

10.00 Anton Bruckner—Symphony No. 4 in E Flat Major.

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11.00 Close Down.

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BY

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### Britain And Europe

The totalitarian view of the British Empire is that it is an example of successful piracy. Europe is treated as the victim of its greed and urged to rid herself of a bully. There is a British view that the Empire is, on the contrary, an example of remarkable civility. Europe is expected to recognise this and to be grateful for our unselfishness.

Those who try to see the history of the British Empire as it would look to an impartial European would find the truth somewhere between the two views. The motives and methods of acquisition in the past have been much the same among all expanding European Powers. On the other hand, the strength and character of the British Empire have made it in some important senses a convenience to Europe.

In the first place, Britain's interest in Europe has been that of a Power whose ambitions were satisfied outside Europe. So far as Europe was concerned the overruling British desire was that Europe should not fall under the power of a State strong enough to dominate her. In this case it happened that what suited Britain suited also the several peoples of Europe.

In the second place, British possessions scattered over the sea were not closed to the merchants and traders of other countries. Any nation, therefore, might well prefer that a territory whose resources and markets it did not itself control should be in the hands of Free Trade Britain rather than in those of a Protectionist rival. The German statesman, Zimmermann, declared, "Our rise depended essentially on the English policy of the Open Door." The British Empire was thus an influence for peace.

From these facts there has grown up a school that speaks of a Pax Britannica on the model of the old Pax Romana, and Europe is expected to cherish this legend as gratefully as the Roman Empire was cherished by men of all races who enjoyed its shelter and hospitality. It is taken for granted that the neutral nations must see that Britain is an unselfish Power. This is a dangerous illusion. The extreme case put by the totalitarianism representing the British Empire as a sinister figure can be answered from history. If we are concerned only for dialectical victory, But that answer is not enough. What has to be said of our diplomacy since 1931? What grounds for confidence did it give the neutrals? The sound arguments Mr. Chamberlain addresses to the neutrals to-day might have been addressed to him by the neutrals in the days of appeasement. The collapse of—collective security for which Britain must share with France the chief responsibility, makes a more vivid impression on the mind of Europe than those aspects of our history that strike the imagination of Britain. To the totalitarian argument that Germany can unify and organise Europe we must not reply merely by showing what kind of a Europe would emerge from this treatment; we must show what we are ready to do to create a different Europe. We have to take an active and a leading part in the economic task that was shirked or overlooked at the Peace Conference of 1919.

# It is not the longest sword but the longest purse that conquers

FIRST of all, we must admit that the war costs a great deal. It costs far more than the last occasion when we fought the Germans.

At this stage in the former struggle the war cost us about £3 millions a day, as against £6 millions a day now.

The expenditure of the French was then £2½ millions a day, as against £4½ millions a day in this war.

Now, why is it that the war costs twice as much as it did last time?

The answer is a simple one. The pay of soldiers and sailors is a bigger item of expenditure. Battleships cost twice as much to build. The Air Force has been added to our war services.

When war broke out the Air Force was costing us about a million pounds a day. That is the figure which Sir Kingsley Wood was spending in building and operating our airplanes.

There is also another channel of war expenditure which did not exist in the last conflict—Air Raid Precautions.

That is the service through which the passive defence of the civil population against the menace of air attack is organised. And there is also Evacuation, the cost of maintaining school children from the cities in country districts, where they will not be exposed to the same danger of bombing by the enemy.

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BUT although the increase in the cost of warfare is easy to explain, it has still to be faced. We have to meet the position that, in our own case and in the case of France, this war costs roughly twice as much as the last war. That is the situation revealed by comparable figures.

What resources have we got to meet this expenditure?

There is, first, the tax revenue of the country. In 1915 we were making less than one-quarter of the national expenditure out of taxation. That was the proportion we paid out of income. The rest we borrowed.

To-day we are paying half the cost out of taxation.

That is one tremendous advantage which we disclose on this occasion.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly, or repeated too often, that half the burden of the cost of this war is borne on current revenue.

That is equal to four times as much as we paid out in taxation in the same period of the last war. Taxpayers should rejoice. For it means that the more we pay now, the more confidence we can have after the war.

Other efforts will have to be made, too. We must increase our output and turnover. That is imperative.

With that increase in turnover we must also increase taxation. Saving should be encouraged in every direction, so that borrowings by the Government will not depend upon the inflation of banking credit.

For my part I believe that the conduct of war economy will determine the course of the war.

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WE have payments to make abroad. That is where difficulties may arise. Indeed, that is the most important financial problem we have to deal with.

Our ability to meet that problem is immensely greater than it was in the last war.

And here let me say that in Sir John Simon we have a Chancellor of the Exchequer who is able, cool, far-seeing, cautious and economical. And no more can be said in praise of a good Chancellor.

Now let us array the resources at our command for making purchases abroad.

### THE RESOURCES of Britain are ample for the war campaign in which we are involved.

That is a proposition which, if it can be sustained, will do much to fortify and strengthen the courage and endurance of the British public.

More important, it will instil confidence in the hearts of the great multitude of American citizens who wish us well and are anxious about our future.

It may even persuade some of them to buy our securities and to build up assets in the Empire.

And at all times we should express our gratitude to them for past friendship. We should not hesitate to deal with them frankly. There is no use attempting to hide our views from them or restraining our opinions. The Americans will never thank us for pretending one thing to them and saying another thing among ourselves.

So here is a disclosure of the financial situation of Britain as I see it.

## By Lord Beaverbrook

In the total I am taking the liberty of including not only French but also Canadian resources. I do not because I expect Canadian assets to be available for Britain's service, but because the Canadian war effort must be paid for by the Dominion.

Now what is the position with regard to the ability of the Allies to pay for war material purchased in the United States? What resources do they command for this purpose?

There are the GOLD RESERVES of Britain, France and Canada. These amount to:

Britain	£ 500,000,000
France	750,000,000
Canada	54,000,000
Other British and French countries	130,000,000
A total of	£1,434,000,000

Then there are the CASH BALANCES standing to the credit of Britain, France and Canada in the United States.

These amount to £317,000,000 of which Britain holds about one-half.

Liquid securities possessed by the three stand at a figure of £355,000,000.

And the non-liquid securities owned by Britain, France and Canada can be reckoned at a total of £385,000,000.

So the total resources of the Allies, which would be available for purchases in the United States, amount, if the Canadian resources are included, to a total of about £2,490 millions.

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THIS compares with a total of gold and dollar resources in 1914 of about £1,600 millions. It shows an immense increase in financial strength.

In the last war Britain and France bought on balance from the United States £2,300 millions' worth of goods all told. This is the total American sales to the two chief Allied Powers after deducting their exports to the United States. If we can confine ourselves to the same sum, as I am convinced that we shall, owing to the development of our own raw materials, then, with Canadian financial resources included, we have enough gold, cash and liquid securities to buy the goods we need.

We must also take into account our capacity to pay for some of our American imports by means of exports to the United States. This capacity will, in fact, be greater than in the last war owing to the development of production in the Empire.

Then, in addition, those exports to the United States will include sales of animal, vegetable and mineral commodities by the British Colonies and also the French Colonies. There is the very big export from Canada of metals and newsprint. There is the gold export from Empire countries.

But it must be borne in mind that Canadian assets, of whatever description, are not available to pay for Britain's purchases. And that

Canada's financial resources have been included in the totals given above. Against these Canadian assets there are, of course, numerous holdings in neutral countries, notably the South American republics, which have not been taken into account.

It is my view that, since the outbreak of war, we have so far lost none of our American assets. There has been no reduction in their worth re-counting.

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HOW has it been possible for us, in war conditions, to effect this husbanding of our resources?

There has, of course, been a sharp wartime decline in some of our normal purchases from the United States. We have reduced our import of American tobacco, of cotton, of wheat and other commodities.

In the case of tobacco we took in the month of October 1939, for instance, six million dollars' worth, as compared with twenty-nine million dollars in the same month of 1938.

The decline is due, in some measure, to economy in consumption. To the desire to do without. But this economy is supplemented by an increase in production of tobacco in the British Empire.

Our dependence on American supplies of tobacco is thus reduced. The value of the import of raw cotton which Britain can derive from the Empire is more than three times greater than it was before the last war.

And although in that last war we brought more than half our imported wheat from the United States, at a cost of about £200 millions, the Empire can now supply all the wheat that we need.

Now we must take into account the production of vegetable, animal and mineral wealth in the British Empire.

The extension and development of these resources has been carried on in the last twenty years at a rate which far outstrips any other development in the world.

It is true that the progress has been unsatisfactory to men who have always been conscious of this vast treasure house given into our keeping. The treasure house, that is known as the British Empire.

But while we cannot claim to have turned our single talent into ten, neither can we be dismissed as the servant unworthy of the master's confidence.

Let us look, then, at gold production. And here I wish to emphasize that gold production is not to be confused with gold stocks.

Gold production relates only to the gold that is mined from the earth year by year.

The gold output of the British Empire was 14 million fine ounces in 1914. It is 21 million ounces now.

That is an increase of 50 per cent in quantity. And it is a far bigger increase when measured in money values.

For this must be taken into account:

Gold will buy more imports than it did in the last war. For that reason, our purchases from abroad will not be so expensive as they were. They will, in fact, cost much less in terms of gold and actually slightly less in terms of sterling.

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OUR purchases of raw materials may be huge, but remember, in gold values, the price of raw materials is less than half what it was in the last war. This is startling, but it is a fact.

The Investor's Chronicle, a most reputable financial journal, has recently made an extensive calculation of the total imports of raw materials into Britain during the last war.

It was shown that these imports represented 385 million ounces of gold.

This journal then reaches the astonishing conclusion that a similar quantity of commodities, taking prices at the outbreak of war, could be bought with 154 million ounces of gold.

But it is not in gold alone that the remarkable Empire development has been demonstrated. There are many other raw materials where increases of production since the last war show far more striking results.

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HERE is a short table which I hope will reveal quite clearly the wealth and strength of the British Empire:

BRITISH EMPIRE OUTPUT		Year	Year
		1913	1939
		Tons	Tons
Nickel	22,500	102,000	
Copper	94,000	600,000	
Bauxite			
(aluminium ore)	25,000	400,000	
Rubber	46,000	600,000	
Cocoa	90,000	415,000	

It will be seen that in every case there is a considerable increase in the quantities of these commodities produced in the Empire. The total result is an eight-fold increase in output.

And always there is an increase in Empire production relative to world output.

The position with regard to oil is different.

The Empire production is six million tons. Under the control of the Empire is a production amounting to perhaps 25 million tons.

The Empire production is about the same in relation to total world output as it was in 1914. But we derive benefit from the 25 million tons produced outside the Empire with our money.

It will be seen, then, that the strength of Britain, Canada, and the rest of the Empire is so great that it seems impossible that we can in the long run suffer defeat.

In fact, on economic issues the triumph of the Empire is assured.

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WE pass at once to the dark forebodings about the future sometimes held and expressed by business men reluctant to undertake new obligations. The forebodings we can pronounce utterly unwarranted. It can be said with supreme confidence.

There is every hope, prospect, and expectation that from the war the Empire will emerge so strong in raw materials, so rich in mineral, vegetable and mineral assets that it should afford a future filled with hope and bright with the prospect of happiness and contentment to our people.

I hope, too, that even when the war progresses and we turn in an immense effort and concentration to fighting and destroying our enemies, we will at the same time develop our resources to the fullest extent.

Our raw materials, the produce of the soil, and our animal wealth, here at home, in the Crown Colonies, and in other parts of the Empire, constitute our strength and justify our confidence.

Such a development would involve us in forming a firm resolve to use our man-power to the uttermost at home and abroad.



## BATTLE OF NARVIK

### The Germans Issue Their Version

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Berlin High Command have issued their version of the naval battle at Narvik, describing it as the "full story of the heroic fight of light German naval forces off Narvik."

This version states that German destroyers commanded by Commander Bonte (who was subsequently reported to be killed) entered the West Fjord in darkness and most unfavourable weather.

On April 9 at the appointed time they were in position at Narvik. Two Norwegian armoured ships in harbour disobeyed the German order not to resist and opened fire against the Germans. They were sunk.

British Ships Sunk

Then under cover of the destroyers, German troops landed.

Early on April 10, British cruisers and destroyers for the first time pushed forward against Narvik. The attack was repulsed after a fierce battle. Three British destroyers were sunk and another was badly damaged. Two German destroyers were so seriously damaged that they had to be abandoned the following morning.

The German destroyers, which had to stay in harbour to refuel and for repairs, repulsed further British air attacks.

On April 13 British forces, which meanwhile had been heavily reinforced, started their main attack. The German ships accepted the struggle.

Then They Retreated

Not before the last shell had been fired did the German ships withdraw into an interior part of the Fjord.

Now the German ships concentrated on saving as much material and as many soldiers as possible for the defence of Narvik.

In order to cover the disembarkation of the German crews, one destroyer was placed across the narrow fjord and this, under heavy fire of the enemy, used the remainder of the ammunition to keep the enemy back.

The superior enemy forces, therefore, were unable to sink a single German ship so long as she had not fired the last round of ammunition, the communique stated.

## Policing The Danube

### Decision Welcomed In London

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The decision of the International Commission to institute special precautions to control the traffic on the Danube has been well received here, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

It is important not only from an economic and maritime point of view but also because of political implications.

An important decision affecting the common interests of the States along the river was reached unanimously by the Hungarians, Rumanians, Yugoslavs and Bulgarians in defence of their rights in the Danube, and the determination to keep them free from the influence or actions of the belligerents.

The agreement is a distinct move to maintain peace in south-eastern Europe.

#### New Provision

BUCHAREST, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In connection with the agreement covering the policing of the Danube by the states bordering the river, a new decision has been reached which is of particular interest.

All ships and crews must produce evidence of their bona fides. This agreement has been widely hailed as a sign of agreement existing between Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

## BELGIUM RUSHES NEW DEFENCES

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

EUGEN, Apr. 18 (UP).—Belgium is rushing ahead with a considerable extension of the fortifications on the eastern border of Liege Province, necessitating the evacuation of numerous inhabitants and the blowing up of houses obstructing sites, which has resulted in the closure of several roads.

The area affected runs from the Luxembourg frontier to the Eugen district facing Aix-la-Chapelle. Approximately 400 people have been evacuated from the Eugen district alone.

#### Towns Evacuated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Apr. 19 (Domei).—In view of the increasingly tense situation along the Belgian German frontier, the Belgian High Command has stationed large forces in the sector extending from the Luxembourg frontier to Aachen.

Belgian citizens in this sector have been evacuated westwards. Buildings, trees and other obstacles to defensive bombardment are being removed by the Belgian military authorities.

## PLANE CRASHES IN FLAMES

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Apr. 18 (UP).—A British war plane crashed in flames here today and started a conflagration.

Nine houses were destroyed and 20 damaged while one person was killed and many wounded.

## NAVAL GUNS GO INTO ACTION

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out at sea and methodically poured a hail of heavy-calibre shells into the German positions.

The aerodrome, which is some miles from the city of Stavanger, is on a plateau facing the sea.

The only buildings in the immediate vicinity are hangars and offices.

One of the planes of the Coastal Command co-operated with the Navy in the bombardment of the airport, acting as "spotter" for the warships signalling by radiophone as each shell burst.

The warships were able to find their target by fires which were earlier started by incendiary bombs dropped by British planes.

The bombardment lasted altogether for 80 minutes.

As the British warships were steaming away after the bombardment ended they were attacked by German bombers. One British cruiser was hit by a bomb and was slightly damaged. It managed to continue home without help.

Earlier, R.A.F. machines bombed Trondheim aerodrome, dropping heavy bombs and starting a fire. An adjoining Nazi seaplane base was also bombed.

#### Nazis Admit Bombardment

##### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 18 (UP).—D.N.B. officially confirms the British naval bombardment of the Stavanger aerodrome in the following words:

"During the morning hours, British sea forces bombarded Stavanger from a considerable distance.

"German reconnaissance planes determined that the British cruisers took a westerly course after the bombardment, and German pursuit planes attacked the enemy units, causing them several losses.

"Simultaneously, an additional British naval force in waters further north was attacked by German planes.

"The vulnerability of English warships to air attack is a bitter disappointment to the English public.

"They were deceived by the alleged forcing of the Skaggerak. In reality, however, the British Admiralty daily receives reports of the losses of individual units operating on the extremely long Norwegian sea coast."

"The Admiralty, which has been busy with their hiding places for operations against Norway, appears to be worried about the secrecy of their western harbours, as is evidenced by their announcement of the minefield off the Firth of Clyde."

#### MORE BRITISH TROOPS LAND ALONG THE NORWEGIAN COAST

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troops, including Canadian ski parties, landed at a fjord north of Narvik from many sources, but there is still no clear picture, especially as many of the messages are based on hearsay.

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No Clear Picture

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—News of fighting in Norway arrived in London today from many sources, but there is still no clear picture, especially as many of the messages are based on hearsay.

## THE LESSON OF NORWAY

### Invasion Is Warning To Other Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Commenting on the lesson which Norway has provided for the other neutrals, the "Manchester Guardian" says that we have been astonished at events in Norway, at the treachery of attack from within and at the easy seizure of important points because no one thought it necessary to protect them.

The "Manchester Guardian" also mentions an order which was purported to have come from the Norwegian Foreign Minister which caused the Norwegian fleet to land its crews, offer no resistance and throw away the strong defences of Oslo Fjord.

Just because the Norwegian expedition was shrewdly advised the Nazis were able to surprise us, says the "Manchester Guardian," and were able to land unopposed and to dig themselves in.

The paper admonishes the other neutrals to heed the warning.

## Thought They Had Found Treasure

### Chinese Take Money From Junk

The finding of \$270 Chinese currency under a chaffey in a derelict junk in Aberdeen, led to the appearance of seven Chinese before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with the theft of the money.

Defendants were Fung Fat, fish dealer, Chan Sui, married woman, Tsui Tam-on, So Tsai, So Lai-kok, Li Ching and Cheng Ming, fishermen. The complainant was So Wo.

It was said that complainant was robbed while sailing in Long Shui Wan and his junk taken away. He returned to Hongkong when he and his crew were picked up by junk.

Celebration Feast

Fung found the junk in Cheng Mui and employed the rest of the defendants to bring it to Aberdeen. The junk was looted and for two days it was not claimed. Chan went on board and found \$270 under a chaffey.

The money was handed over to Fung who invited the defendants to a dinner, and spent \$40 Chinese currency for the feast. The balance of the money he divided among the defendants.

A few days later complainant found the junk and reported to the police. The police arrested the defendants and found they had taken the \$270. Part of the money was recovered.

Defendants were bound over in \$100 each to be of good behaviour for a year. Mr. Houston said they had no criminal intention, and thought they had found a treasure.

## NOT BLOODLESS CAPITULATION

### Danes Fought Until Ordered To Stop

PARIS, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A denial that the Danish Army surrendered without fighting was made by Princess Margaret of Denmark, who is at present in Paris.

One of the Jutland regiments fought a rear-guard action, she says, and lost many men.

The order to stop resistance took several hours to reach some regiments which were standing up to an enemy superior in numbers.

Her nephew commanded the Palace Guard, which opened fire at the approaching Nazis.

Danish Army Dismissed

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—According to the official German news agency, the whole of the Danish Army has been dismissed except for the small detachments required for guard and patrol duty.

The training of officers and N.C.O.'s will continue.

## \$964,000,000 For U.S. Warships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Bill appropriating \$964,000,000 for the United States Navy during the fiscal year beginning on July 1 was passed by the Senate today and sent back to the House of Representatives for action on minor amendments.

The measure includes funds for the laying down of two new battleships which may be as large as 50,000 tons each.

Eight other United States battleships are already in the course of construction.

## Chinese Railways To Re-Open

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 18 (UP).—Chinese reports state that the Japanese military authorities have agreed to permit unrestricted passage of Chinese citizens on the Nanking-Shanghai and Hangchow-Shanghai Railways as from May 1.

The Chinese papers state that the move is designed to create the impression that peace and order have been restored in the Nanking area.

## 5 DIE FROM SLOW STARVATION AND THIRST

### FROM PAGE ONE

"One of the chaps died that night, and another died on Sunday morning."

"Five more died on Sunday night. We were all so exhausted that we did not have the strength to put their bodies overboard."

"Eight men died after we landed." Another survivor, Robert Evans (the Second Engineer), said: "I was duty in the engine-room when we were torpedoed."

"The explosions killed 14 Officers and men."

Only Two Officers Saved

"When the U-boat came alongside our lifeboat, the Commander asked for our 'Kapitan' or officers. We told him all had been killed or drowned."

A. M. Dummit, the Fourth Engineer, said: "The exposure in the open lifeboat was terrible. We were dead bent and in a state of complete collapse when we landed."

"Evans and myself are the only officers saved."

"Five of the seamen died after another just before the rescuing boats arrived. They had become victims of 'sea madness'."

Unrestricted Warfare

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 18 (UP).—According to the Press Association, the Commander of the U-boat which torpedoed the London steamer Stancliffe warned the survivors that Germany was about to embark upon unrestricted warfare against all shipping.

"Germany," he told a survivor, "will sink all shipping at sight after the month of May. Nobody will be spared."

After making this statement, says the Press Association report, the U-boat commander gave the survivors a bottle of rum and 500 Ersatz cigarettes.

## Body Found At Deep-Wtr. Bay

### Identified As Mr. L. G. H. Peris De Silva

The body of Mr. L. G. H. Peris de Silva, aged 27, a native of Galle, Ceylon, who was employed by Messrs. A. J. Windsor and Co., of Hankow Road, Kowloon, was found by the Water Police at Deep Water Bay yesterday afternoon.

The deceased came to Hongkong precisely two years ago as a jewellery salesman, and he had been missing since Saturday last, which was his birthday.

A unique Buddhist ceremony in the Sinhalese language will take place at the Colonial Cemetery, and the cortege will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

## Basketball

Three Games For Visitors

The Chung-Hwa Girls' Basketball team, the Philippines All-Chinese team touring Hongkong, will play their first game to-morrow against an All-Hongkong girls' team at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Three matches have been definitely fixed. The proceeds will go to the Chinese Wounded and Refugee funds.

Madame Sun Fo will start the game to-morrow.

The team comprises Alice Chen (Capt.), Sally Wong (V. Capt.), Victoria Tan, Helen Chen, Priscilla Wong, Lillian Kwok, Cury Ong, Josefa Go and Katie Chen.

Mr. C. C. Lim is manager, Mr. W. K. Wong is adviser and Mr. Martin Dine is the official coach.

Interviewed, Mr. Wong said that all girls' teams in the Philippines play under the boys' rules, and it will be something new for them to play under girls' rules. However, they will give of their best.

## Y.M.C.A. Wind Up Hockey Season On Saturday

THE Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB'S season is coming to a close this Saturday with two intra-Club matches on the "X" ground, where tea will be served, if the weather permits, and photographs taken.

The first match will start at 3 o'clock, and will be between the "X" Ladies (Cae Clark Champions for the fourth successive year) and the Men's 2nd XI.

The second match will be between the Civilian and Service members of the 1st Team; Service members are asked to wear white shirts.

The teams are as follows: Civilian:—Benwell, A. N. Other and Yourloff; Kempton, McLellan and Birch; Smith, Colledge, Taylor, Gilchrist and Bates.

Services:—Dove; Jordan and Tomlinson; Coombe, Pennington and Waldron; Highlands, Gemmell, White, Corser and Walla.

2nd XI:—Millington; Killen and Grant; Ireson, Smiths and Jeffrey; Banks, Dormer, Stone, Greenberg and Bevan.

CABARET DANCE

Members and friends are reminded that the Club's end of season cabaret dance is being held in the Peninsula Hotel to-night, when the proceeds will go to the B.W.O.F.

Tickets—\$3.50 double and \$2.00 single—may be obtained at the door. Non-members are welcome.

## AIRCRAFT SCORES

### British Planes Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—An official Admiralty communique states that in the course of the last two days highly successful operations have been carried out by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

On April 10 enemy shipping was attacked off Bergen and one transport was sunk. In addition a submarine on the surface was attacked and one hit was obtained.

#### Two Nazi Planes Downed

On April 17, our aircraft repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which were endeavouring to attack H. M. ships on their return from the bombardment of the Stavanger Aerodrome.

One Heinkel and one Dornier flying boat were shot down while two more Heinkels and another Dornier were damaged.

All our aircraft returned safely. It is further notified that the cruiser announced yesterday as damaged by an air attack after the bombardment of the aerodrome has reached her base.

## Spent Assn's Funds

### Youth Sent To Prison For A Month

Charged with fraudulent conversion of \$310 from the Hongkong and Kowloon Tennis Association between October 1939 and March this year, Tung Chung-yin, 23, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

It was alleged that accused was employed by the Association to collect rent and in doing so, had spent the money instead of handing it over to the Association.

Mr. Hon said that what happened was entirely the fault of the Association as such a responsibility as collecting rents should not have been put into the hands of such a young man.

## ROOSEVELT TO GO "HOME"

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—President Roosevelt will leave Washington to-night for his "summer White House" at Warm Springs.

It is revealed, however, that a special train will be held in readiness and night at Warm Springs, in order to bring the President back to Washington should the situation in either Europe or the Pacific worsen.

During his final Press conference to-day, President Roosevelt recalled telling correspondents a year ago that he would return to Warm Springs "if we don't have war."

"I was criticised for saying that," he said. "I don't fear similar criticism this year from persons who have information better than my own."

## STOLE WAR DEPT. PROPERTY

Three men appeared before Mr. Hinesworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with the larceny of War Department property from Sha Tin Camp on April 17.

Lo Cheung-tong, 28, unemployed, was charged with the larceny of 26 lengths of rods, and Pun Cheuk, 39, unemployed and Pun Shing, unemployed, were charged with the theft of three coils of barbed wire.

All defendants pleaded guilty. Lo was fined \$10 or one month's hard labour. Pun Cheuk and Pun Shing were bound over on \$12 each and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

## Super-Warships Of 52,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee to-day, said that America contemplates building super-dreadnoughts of 50,000 to 52,000 tons as an answer to Japan's reported construction of 43,000 ton ships.

At the same time, said Admiral Stark, the United States Navy has renewed its efforts to obtain Congressional approval of the construction of a large submarine and air base on the island of Guam.

## \$40,000,000 Offer For Greenland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (UP).—A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives to-day, authorising President Roosevelt to offer Denmark US\$40,000,000 for transfer of sovereignty over Greenland.

The measure is sponsored by Mr. Hamilton Fish, Jr.

President Roosevelt refused to comment on the proposal.

"The United States purchased Alaska in this fashion from Tsarist Russia."

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# "Captain Foster's" Racing Review

## FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

### First Leg of Daily Double

#### China Ponies' Sprint Over Six Furlongs

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the fifth race, the "Hunchbacks" Handicap for China ponies, subscription griffins of 1939, and those classified in the "B" and "C" classes are barred.

The run over six furlongs has drawn 13 entries and among the list Orange Boven is the only one "out of shape" for he has not been seen in public since June 3, last year. Phoenix has been whispered as the good 'un, but I cannot agree as his long-legged style of galloping is not appropriate over six furlongs. Bressay may have some sort of a chance, but I prefer others such as Portrush, Some Hope, Wilher and Willynilly.

Mr. Needa cantered Portrush over six furlongs on Wednesday, and he seemed to enjoy the jaunt. There was nothing to write home about the gallop, but the combination went well and that was a good sign. Willynilly has been given strong work and the chestnut is sure to do himself full justice.

### Good Milers For Mount Davis H'cap

#### First Section Should Be Very Open

A GOOD FIELD of milers will no doubt be seen in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section), the fourth race, for "B" class China ponies, and it looks that the contest is very open. I have not seen Bear Claw during my "early morning" inspection at Happy Valley, but the ex-champion should be dangerous as he has a pull in the weights with Lilliber and Ted Feather.

Lilliber, I understand, is a doubtful starter, while Red Feather may not go to the post. I heard flattering accounts of Conquering Time—The mare does not like a slippery course (this was proved at the Easter session), but should the track be firm to-morrow, Conquering Time is expected to be in the front rank. Rose Emily will be a menace to all.

### Lancashire Lass For Second Section?

LANCASHIRE LASS will have a new jockey, Mr. D. Black, and the combination, I am prepared to assure, will play a leading role in the eighth race, the second section of the Mount Davis Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile.

The "wee Scotch rider" tried her last Saturday over a mile and they

### ONLY SEVEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE ST. GEORGE'S PLATE

ST. GEORGE'S PLATE (a handicap for Griffins of this season) occupies a front place in the minds of the racing public, but I am afraid that it will be a tame affair on account of the ban on China ponies classified "A" class. Very poor response has been received for the classic handicap, which is worth \$750 plus the silver plate to the winning owner, and it is certainly disheartening to see that there are only seven nominations.

However, the other eight handicap events to be contested among the Australian and China ponies have good entries and the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow will provide a good day's sport. First saddling bell will be rung at the usual 1.30 p.m.

We shall certainly see a good swing in the opening chorus as I fully expect to have over a dozen acceptors in the Mount Gough Handicap for China pony griffins that have won less than \$750 in stakes. It is a short run from the 1½ mile post, but there are several runners not yet tuned for the scramble.

Distinctive Time should not have any difficulty to win after two successful played outings, but Gay Star may break the tape first. I was figuring Ronson, owned by Mr. Eu Tong-sen, to upset the applicant, but the bay gelding pulled up lame after a trial gallop on Tuesday morning, and in his absence Eve of Folly is my next to fill the low position.

### KOALA HANDICAP A Difficult Choice

THE Koala Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, has attracted no less than 16 entries, including three demoted racers such as Bredon, Centre Court and Snowy River. Stout opposition is sure to come from these three old timers, but it should not be overestimated that the gentleman in charge of the lead has loaded them to the plimsol.

Snowy River is undoubtedly a stayer, but since Mr. Li Tse-fong became the master, the descendant of Bobnack has not donned the new owner's silk this season and one is entitled to infer that the mare has not been too well. On the other hand, the distance run may be too long for the youngsters of this season, but they are a batch not to be underrated.

In preparation for the Spring big meeting Grand Allegiance put up some wonderful training gallops, her best being 3.09½ over the Derby course with 29½ seconds for the home stretch. The mare had the misfortune to be on the walking list after two outings, and it seemed that Grand Allegiance was short of a gallop when she came out in the Broken Hill Handicap at the last meeting. My frank opinion is that she is not yet keyed, but for a long shot she is worth \$5 investment each way.

Discovery Bay is nicely weighted and I shall be disappointed if the mare should let us down.

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The "Lustiano Cup" presented by Members of the Club Lustiano, and won by Mr. C. H. Itaclyl at the last Annual Race Meeting. On behalf of the Club Lustiano, the Cup was ordered by Dr. Arthur Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, on his last visit to Lisbon. The trophy is a fine specimen of Portuguese craftsmanship.

### SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

At a meeting of the Hockey Association Council yesterday it was decided to postpone the annual six-a-side tournament from April 21 to 23 as several clubs had received no notification of the tournament. Entries close at 6 p.m. on April 25. A letter from G. Fowler regarding criticism of him by K. Hussain in a letter to the Press on incidents during the match between Macao and Civilians last month, was discussed. It was decided that the Association could take no action as the affair originated from Press comments. It was also decided to write to the Unipres Association advising them to take no action.

### STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following starting times have been arranged by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club for Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.10	A. Sommerfeld, A. T. Lay.
9.20	A. D. Humphreys, W. N. A. Smalley.
9.30	R. C. Galdner, D. Humphreys.
9.40	A. C. Nereid, A. C. Mack.
9.50	R. J. Shirley, F. C. Young.
10.00	G. M. Park, L. R. Andrews.
10.10	S. H. Bodwell, K. S. Morrison.
10.20	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.30	M. L. Reidy, J. C. Watson.
10.40	B. Purvis, T. C. Mearns.
10.50	A. C. I. Bowker, G. A. L. Plummer.
11.00	A. H. Penn, S. A. Sleep.
11.10	J. B. Harrison, J. R. Duncan.
11.20	Col. Holt, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
11.30	L. M. S. Lloyd, L. B. Cramer.
11.40	W. Young, S. L. Lloyd.
11.50	A. S. Allison, H. J. D. Lowe.
12.00	G. T. Harrington, J. R. Duncan.
12.10	A. T. & O. A. Macfarlane.
12.20	H. N. Williamson, R. G. Parker.
12.30	H. P. Phillips, J. S. Dunnett.
12.40	D. Dodd, G. Thompson.
12.50	E. Sandstrom, J. W. Mayhew.
13.00	A. McCallar, J. Linaker.
13.10	C. W. Bertram, W. G. Robertson.
13.20	M. Pollock, F. A. M. Elliott.
13.30	J. Mackney, J. L. Oswald.
13.40	A. Williams, S. Cdr. Nicholson.
NEW COURSE	
9.24	Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Smalley.
9.32	Mrs. Dennis, Miss French.
10.04	W. Park, J. W. Anderson.
10.52	Mrs. Behrman, Mrs. Robertson.

### Former Champion Commits Suicide

DETROIT, Apr. 18 (UP).—Norman Selby, better known as Kid McCoy, welterweight champion of the planet, committed suicide here to-day.

Mr. ("Kid") Marriot recalls this famous boxer who once fought at the Circus in Hongkong some 25 years ago. This was during one of his tours, and he later went down to Australia and appeared in several bouts there.

Kid McCoy was world welterweight champion from 1898-1900, when he was beaten by Billy Smith.

### THREE FAVOURITES FOR TAIMOSHAN HANDICAP

JOCKEYS, who have not won ten races anywhere, will be in the limelight in the sixth race, the Taimoshan Handicap, and the post of honour has fallen on Radium Star. By virtue of his win in Macao last Sunday, Dow Jones has incurred 7 lb. penalty and one can draw a red pencil right across the name.

The Threes has also incurred 7 lbs. on account of her win, but it is reliably learned that the mare will not accept the load of 17 lbs.

Following his failure in the Wuhu Handicap at the Annual Carnival when he was third, Arabian Cat gave a very convincing exhibition in the Dublin Handicap at Kwanti racecourse, but some competent followers of the turf claimed that the success was a fluke, and, unfortunately, the pony was ridden by Mr. Hook—the Fanling champion jockey over the sticks.

Whatever it was, Arabian Cat must be regarded as one of the favourites and I shall fall to the ground if the chestnut fails. Lancashire Chap and Radium Star have equal chances.

### RIVALRY FOR THE MAIN EVENT

INTERNATIONAL RIVALRY for the third race, the St. George's Plate, is represented by four China ponies belonging to European owners, and three owned by the Chinese. It has been whispered to me that one of the latter is sure to capture the trophy owing to the presence of Hopeful Star and Possible, but I prefer Clobber—the English candidate.

Last Saturday Clobber covered one and a quarter miles in 2.36 flat, finishing the mile in 2.04.1/5 and the home run was done in 29 seconds dead—evidence that the chestnut was not pressed. The gallop was certainly electrifying, and the steed will be the mount of Mr. L. B. Chao.

Over 1¼ miles Clobber is still an unknown quantity owing to the fact that all his outings were from the mile run and under, and the same may be said of Possible (Mr. Wei) and White Diamond (Mr. Pih). I am fully aware that Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) had a win over the champion course, but he was running with 10 lbs. below the weight for his class. All three ponies have been beaten by Clobber and I have confidence in the chestnut gelding to pass the post first. Victoria is recommended as an each-way proposition.

### ASCOT RACES TO BE HELD AT NEWMARKET

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Racing Calendar announces additional racing fixtures for the year. Fifty-three meetings covering 82 days will end during August.

As the Ascot Course is not available, His Majesty has approved of the meeting being held at Newmarket on June 21 and 22 under the Ascot authorities.

### Newmarket Races

THE FREE HANDICAP, to-day, was run at Newmarket and was won by Salt Spring (100/7). Tornado (4/1) was second, and Love's Revelry (7/1) third. Twenty ran. A neck separated the first from second, and three lengths were between second and third.

**CRABEN STAKES**

The Craben Stakes were won by Prince Tetra (100/6). Second was Medley (100/6) and third was De-nant (0/1). Fourteen ran. Distances were three lengths and two lengths.

### Second Leg of Daily Double

#### Field of Seventeen For Selection

FOR THE SECOND LEG of the daily double, the seventh race, one has to find the winner in the Canterbury Park Handicap for Australian ponies of this season over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and punters have a nice menu of 17 steeds to make their selection.

There was certainly a pile of Hongkong Bank notes on Brown Derby to win the St. Kilda Handicap at the last meet, but the "dark tip" did not materialise.

However, with Shuttlecock out of the way Piccadilly Jin should have an easy passage, but I have a hunch that Income Tax will turn the tables, on account of the 5 lb. allowance adjusted by the handicapper.

Brown Derby has to draw only 145 lbs and her chance for a place is bright. Caterick Bridge performed a nice gallop last Wednesday, and the pilot was Mr. Needa, who, of course, timed it to a nicety. The whole time was inside two minutes, and this should direct a strong attack against the front line invaders.

### Charlton Beat Fulham 7-5

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In the south "C" Division of the English Regional football leagues, Charlton, to-day, defeated Fulham by 7 goals to 5.

### A Scurry For The Last Event

THE MEETING will terminate with a scurry event for "B" class Australian ponies, from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards), and the least expected may turn up in the Charters Towers Handicap.

We are bound to have a big field, but be careful with Flying Dutchman, who has special wings for short trip. A Great Time and Derby Day should be well up at the finish.

### EASTERN'S FOURTH VICTORY

MANILA, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic Association to-day defeated La Salle College by 5 goals to 2 before a crowd of 14,000.

La Salle held a 2-1 advantage at half time, but the Hongkong team put up a whirlwind finish and scored three goals in the final minutes of play.

The local team offered a very stiff resistance to the Hongkong team, who have now won four successive matches in Manila.

### Returning By "Clipper"

It is learned that the Eastern Football Club now touring the Philippines will return to Hongkong on Tuesday next by the Clipper.

### C.S.C.C. Eleven

The following will represent Civil Service Juniors in a League cricket match against Crailshegower to-morrow—H. E. Strang (Capt.), G. Ainslie, K. J. Attwell, R. L. Lockhart, G. F. Stone, F. E. Lawrence, V. C. Bond, R. G. Robertson, P. D. Crawley, A. P. Sheppard, J. V. H. Mitchell.

### Tournament Tennis

## MATCH ABANDONED OWING TO LIGHT

### S. A. And H. D. Rumjahn In Singles Semi-final

(By "Tinker")

FAILING LIGHT brought an end to the excellent exhibition of tennis staged by the Rumjahn cousins, S. A. and H. D., in the semi-finals of the Open Singles Championship at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. Sirdar won the first two sets but lost the third and fourth. The scores were 8-6, 6-3, 0-6, 2-6.

It might be said that had it not been for his attack of cramp in the calf during the third set, Sirdar might have won the match. It was, however, noticeable that H.D. had command of the game at that stage, and, in fact, was leading by 4-0, and, to put it in the words of S.A., himself, "only the light saved me."

Sirdar had done a good deal of running in the first two sets. He had repeatedly gained the applause of the spectators with almost miraculous saves. From retrieving a deep ball he would dash up to the net to scoop a shot off the court—he would run violently from one side of the court to the other at the dictates of his cousin. He did, in fact, play superlative tennis for the first two sets. His backhand was working beautifully, while admirable control over his forehand gained him many points.

It was not very surprising that Sirdar developed cramp. He had covered an enormous amount of ground in winning his two sets—and despite his lead of two sets, at that stage of the match I still felt that it was fairly open, for H.D. was much the fresher man. Sirdar might yet have had something in the bag, but H.D. had more.

The tennis was some of the finest seen in the tournament to date. Shots, for the most part, were crisp—and Sirdar's improved backhand drives were much to the fore.

The re-play will probably be sometime next week, and it should be a match worth seeing.

### To-day's Programme

OPEN DOUBLES  
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay.

### SPORT ADVTS.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax), are obtainable through the Secretary upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

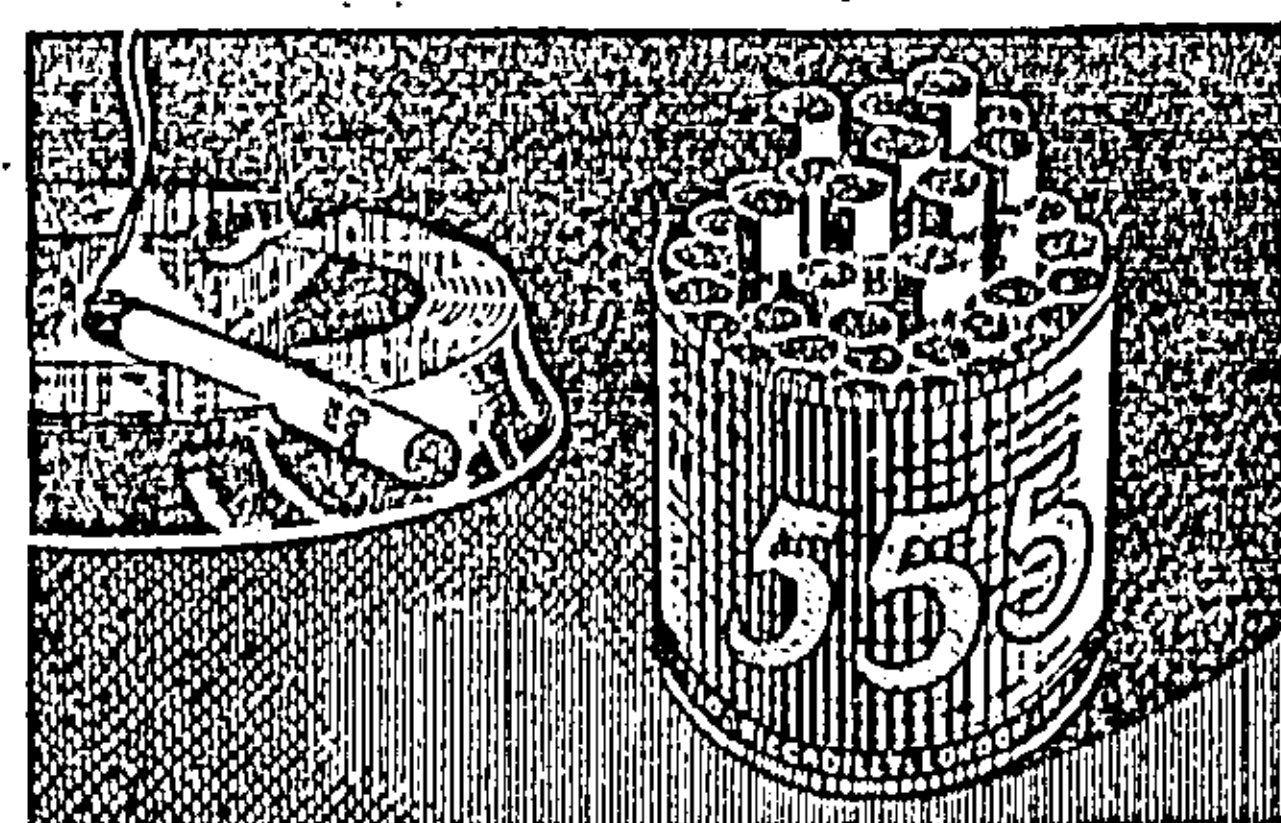
The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

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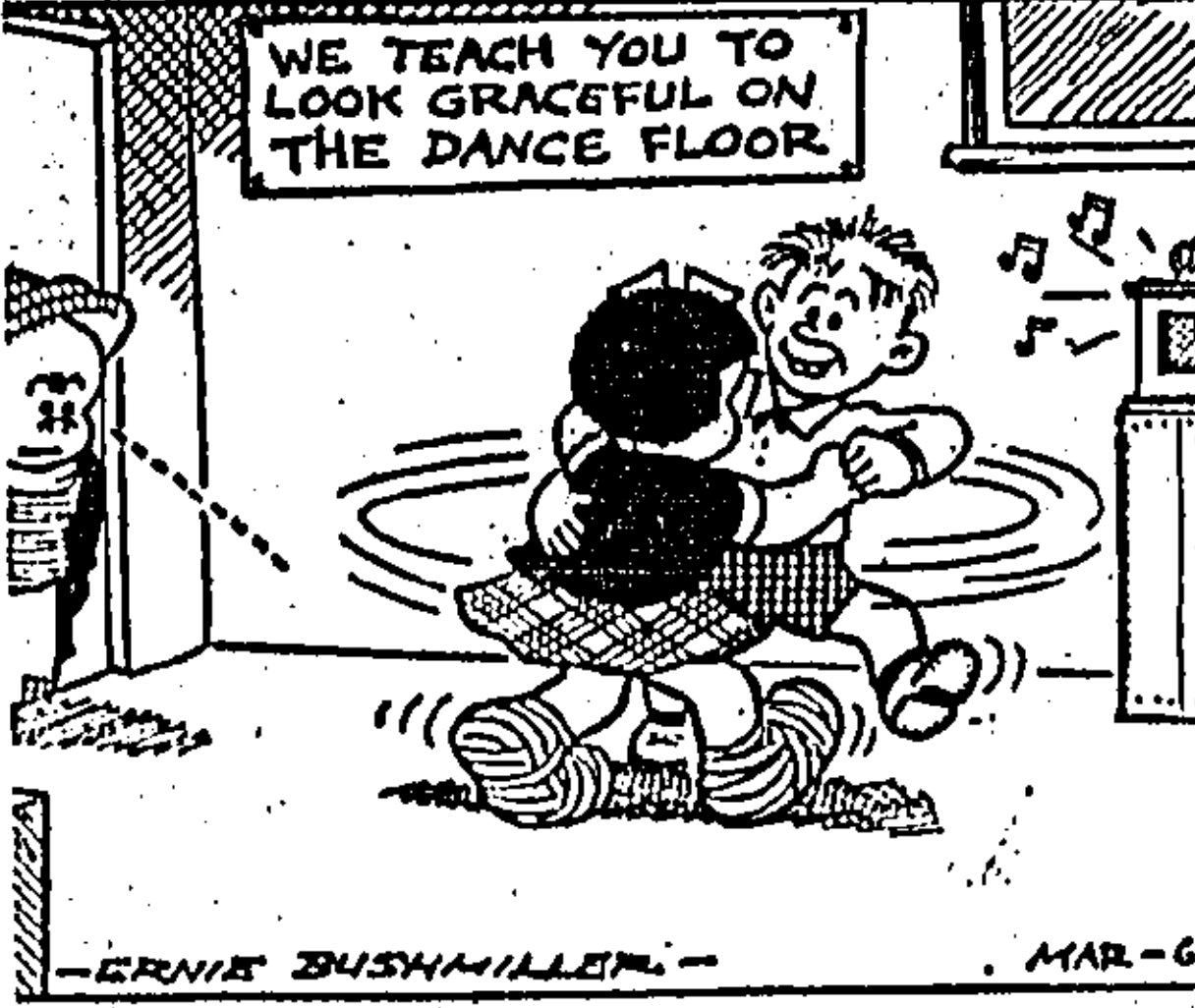
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## INCREASING U.S. ATTENTION TO ORIENT AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The importance the United States attaches to the maintenance of the status quo in the Pacific is becoming increasingly clear. The developments of the past 24 hours have served to focus attention on the American naval manoeuvres now being held west of Hawaii under conditions of the utmost secrecy.

It is believed that they are taking place further from the American shores than ever before, and it is stated that for the first time there are no journalists or photographers with the fleet. It is also pointed out that it is unusual for the Secretary of the Navy to go so far from home to watch "War Games."

Well-informed circles believe that with the Trade Agreement Bill safely through Congressional storms, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, is likely to devote increasing attention to Far Eastern affairs.

### Widespread Approval

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull's "Hands Off the Dutch Indies" statement has "rung the bell" in the United States. It is generally felt that the single statement by a high United States official for months has evoked such widespread approval.

Typical headlines are "United States Bars Japan from the East Indies" and "Out of Dutch Indies, Hull Tells Japan." The "Baltimore Sun," while declaring that America should still remain outside European entanglements, adds that it is absurd to say that the United States is not interested in the maintenance of a regular flow of essential commodities such as rubber and tin.

"As a rubber, we cannot be isolationist if we have the mind to. The facts are against isolationism," adds the paper.

### Tension Not Anticipated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". MANILA, Apr. 18 (UP).—Indicating that the United States does not anticipate any immediate tension in the Dutch East Indies, the Asiatic Fleet is carrying out its routine summer trip to China.

The flagship Augusta, fully repaired from the recent damage sustained when she struck an underwater mine in Philippine waters, will go to Shanghai carrying High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre.

The Canopus and six submarines are already off the China coast and the remainder of the fleet will be en route to China before the end of next week, leaving only a few destroyers, six submarines and 14 patrol bombers to carry out the normal Philippine neutrality patrol.

### Philippines And D.E.I.

Meanwhile Philippines quarters are interested in Mr. Cordell Hull's statement regarding the D.E.I.

Some believe it may have indicated the attitude the United States will probably take in the event of the Philippines being threatened after the declaration of independence.

Supporters of this view draw attention to the fact that if the United States is interested in the welfare of the Dutch Colony, it would be reasonable to expect she would show even greater concern for the welfare of a Colony she has spent 40 years preparing for independence.

### Japan's "Grave Concern"

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—"The Japanese Navy feels grave concern for the maintenance of the status quo in the Dutch East Indies because any change of the status quo in those islands as a result of the European war would mean expansion of the conflict to this part of the world," said a Navy Office spokesman today.

"To this, the Japanese Navy has the strongest objection, particularly in view of Japan's national policy of standing out of the European war." "If the United States feels solicited for the maintenance of the status quo in Greenland, there is no wonder why Japan feels so concerned over the fate of the Dutch East Indies, because American interests in Greenland cannot stand comparison with Japan's vital interests in the Dutch East Indies."

### Washington Theory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". NEW YORK, Apr. 18 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull's warning took precedence over European news in the "Herald-Tribune." "Mr. Arita's statement is interpreted in Washington, not as a genuine suspicion that the United States and Britain are about to take some action, but rather as an excuse for possible action by the Japanese in concert with the Germans," states the paper.

"As Washington views it, the Japanese are thinking of occupying the Dutch East Indies simultaneously with a German attack on the Netherlands proper."

The "New York Times" states: "The promptness with which Mr. Hull moved to clarify the position of the United States in the light of Mr. Arita's statement gives rise to the belief that American policy toward the situation in the Pacific is hardening."

### Not Seeking Protection

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office states that the Japanese Minister to the Hague called on the Netherlands Foreign Minister and asked the Netherlands' attitude regarding the Netherlands East Indies. The Minister replied that the Netherlands had not sought nor would seek any other country's protection of the East Indies.

### Wants Precautions Taken

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Dutch Club, the largest nationalist organization in the Dutch East Indies, has petitioned the government to take precautions against foes from within.

It emphasizes the dangers of the local Nazi movement and says that Nazi sympathisers may be found among the authorities of the Dutch East Indies themselves.

Arita's Statement Quoted. LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Hachiro Arita's Dutch East Indies statement was the subject of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Captain Alan Graham sought an assurance that the Government did not intend to leave solely to Japan the maintenance of peace in the waters of the Netherlands East Indies in the event of the Netherlands themselves becoming a theatre of war.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that as far as Lord Halifax was aware, the Japanese Government made no claim to be solely responsible for the maintenance of peace in these waters.

In a statement to the Press, Mr. Arita had said that the Japanese Government could not but be deeply concerned at any development consequent upon the aggravation of the war in Europe which might affect the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

### Similar Views

Mr. Butler added: "I need hardly say that on this question His Majesty's Government holds similar views."

Mr. Robert Morgan asked whether in case of further developments in the war affecting the Far East Mr. Chamberlain would give an assurance that the Government of the United States would be consulted and whether the adoption of a mutually-agreed policy was possible.

Mr. Butler replied that it was the practice of the Government to keep the United States Government informed on all matters affecting our common interests in the Far East.

The question of future American policy in that region, however, was one on which the United States Government must naturally be the sole arbiter.

### Roosevelt's Hope

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt expressed the hope to-day that in the interests of peace the status quo in the whole Pacific could be maintained.

He was commenting on Mr. Cordell Hull's declaration.

### Stock Exchange Is Irregular

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Eastern bonds declined one to two points on the international stresses.

Elsewhere trading was in small movements and irregular.

The cotton company, J. and P. Conis, reports a profit of £2,108,000 with £1,531,000 of the previous year.

Wall Street was irregular. LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—At Birmingham yesterday Their Majesties the King and Queen visited munition factories in the surrounding area. They also watched large scale A.R.P. exercises and tanks on trial manoeuvres.

By Ernie Bushmiller



THE superstructure of the British steamer Royal Crown after it had been bombed and machine-gunned off the east coast of England.—Domci.

## "UNCROWNED EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA" DIES Katharina Schratt, Greatest Friend Of Franz Josef

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". VIENNA, April 18 (UP).—Katharina Schratt, who was known as the "uncrowned empress of Austria" during the reign of Emperor Franz Josef, died to-day in her beautiful Vienna home opposite the Vienna Opera House. She was aged 87 years.

She was the closest friend of the Emperor for more than three decades.

For many years he saw her every day.

Know Europe's Secret. She probably knew more secrets of Europe before 1918 than any person who survived the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Huge sums were offered by publishers for her memoirs. But though she had lost almost all her fortune she refused all offers.

Everything around her when she died reminded her of Franz Josef. Her beautiful Vienna home was decorated with hundreds of valuable pictures, miniatures and fine pieces of antique furniture presented to her by the Emperor.

Right up to the end she dressed in the style of the end of the last century, the style he preferred.

Some gifts came from Empress Elizabeth who is said to have been fond of Katharina, in spite of her intimate association with her husband.

Beautiful And Popular. Katharina, in her young days, was one of the most beautiful and popular actresses of the Vienna Burgtheater, appearing chiefly in classic and romantic comedy.

Since the death of the Emperor during the last war, Katharina has lived with her son, Baron von Kliss. In the last thirty years of the Emperor's reign, Katharina was one of the most important persons in Austria-Hungary.

She was probably the only person in whose presence the Emperor became a human being.

To her, he turned for sympathy after the suicide of his son, the Crown Prince Rudolf, after the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth, and after the assassination of Sarajewo and the events that precipitated the Great War.

She undoubtedly had great influence over him, and was said to have inspired many of his decisions.

Nazi Sentenced For Espionage. GHEENT, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Belgian Military Court here to-day condemned a German, Werner Mielke, a former racing cyclist, to seven years detention for espionage.

## JAPAN AND TSINGTAO

### Commons Concern Over Trade Discrimination

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Captain Alan Graham asked whether the Asia Development Board was responsible for discrimination against British shipping in Tsingtao and elsewhere.

In a written reply, Mr. R. A. Butler said: "I do not think it would serve any useful purpose to assess the responsibility for discrimination of anti-British interests to any particular Japanese agent."

"Wherever such discrimination occurs, representations are made to the appropriate Japanese authority or to the Japanese Government itself."

### Typical Example

Mr. Robert Morgan declared that the Japanese authorities in Tsingtao recently asked an important American corporation why it shipped goods in a British vessel and was informed that if further shipments arrived in other than Japanese vessels they would not be accorded the same favourable importation facilities as they would if their cargoes were in Japanese vessels.

Mr. Morgan suggested that this case be taken up with the Japanese Government "as a typical example of the Japanese policy of strangling British trade in the Far East."

In a written reply, Mr. R. A. Butler said that Lord Halifax's attention had been drawn to the report in question but that confirmatory evidence could not be obtained. But there appear to have been a number of instances where shippers had been influenced to ship by other than British vessels and the whole matter, said Mr. Butler, was now receiving active consideration.

## Miss Florrie Forde Dies

### Made "Tipperary" War Song Famous

Miss Florrie Forde, the music hall singer and actress, who made the song "Tipperary" famous during the last war, has died in London, according to information received by "Reuter's."

Miss Forde will long be remembered for giving wide popularity to such songs as "Down at the Old Bull and Bush," "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly" and "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles."

She was born at Melbourne in 1876 and went to London when she was 18 years of age. There she appeared in the chorus of a musical comedy and in a pantomime which followed she was given the part of "principal boy."

She rapidly became a popular favourite and toured London and provincial music halls.

Royal Command Performance. She took part in the first Royal variety show in London in 1912.

She was a robust woman and for a long time her weight was not below 15 stone. But in 1920 she decided to take a course of slimming diets at which her managers expressed alarm declaring that with the loss of weight she was losing her personality. She then dropped all idea of slimming.

In October 1935, she appeared at the Command variety performance and shortly afterwards appeared in the pantomime of "The Forty Thieves" at the Lyceum.

In 1934 she made one British film entitled "My Old Dutch."

## British Ship Torpedoed

### After Escaping From Nazis In Narvik

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The British 5,000-ton steamer, Swinby, was torpedoed off the north Scottish coast yesterday. The crew of 38 made land in their own boats.

The Swinby was engaged in shipping iron ore and had reached Narvik a few hours after the German occupation. She was accompanied by the steamer Nyanza.

The latter's captain was suspicious of the pilot who looked a German. The pilot took the Swinby in first and no further news of her was received until to-night.

Meantime, the Nyanza was warned by a Polish destroyer and departed.

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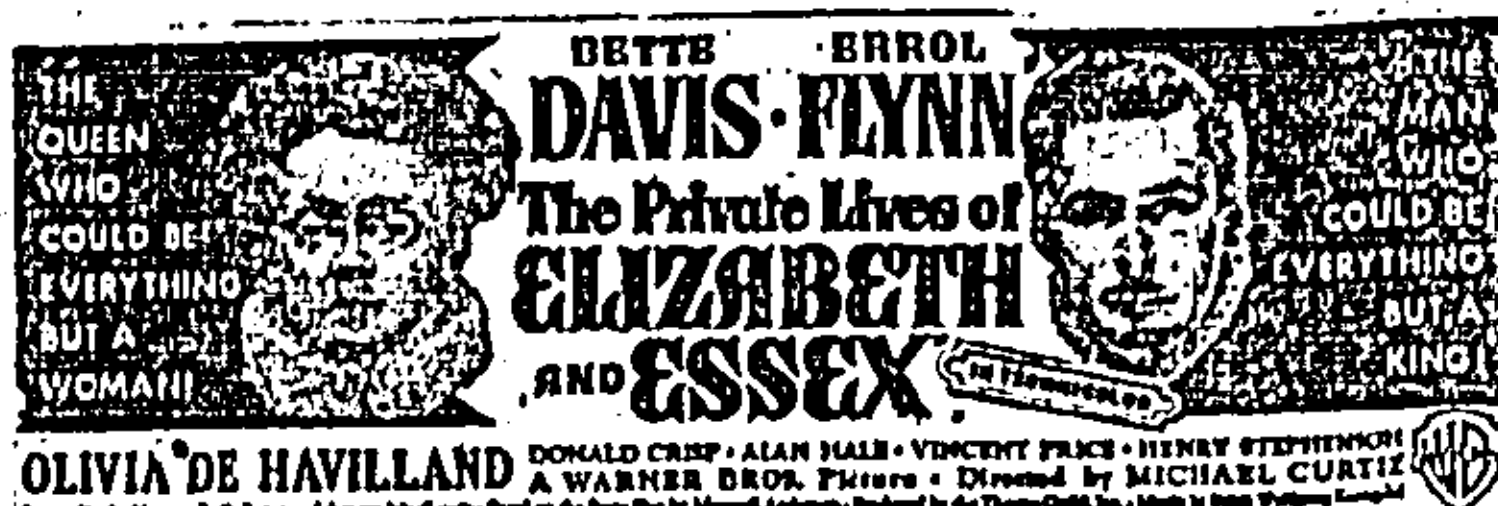
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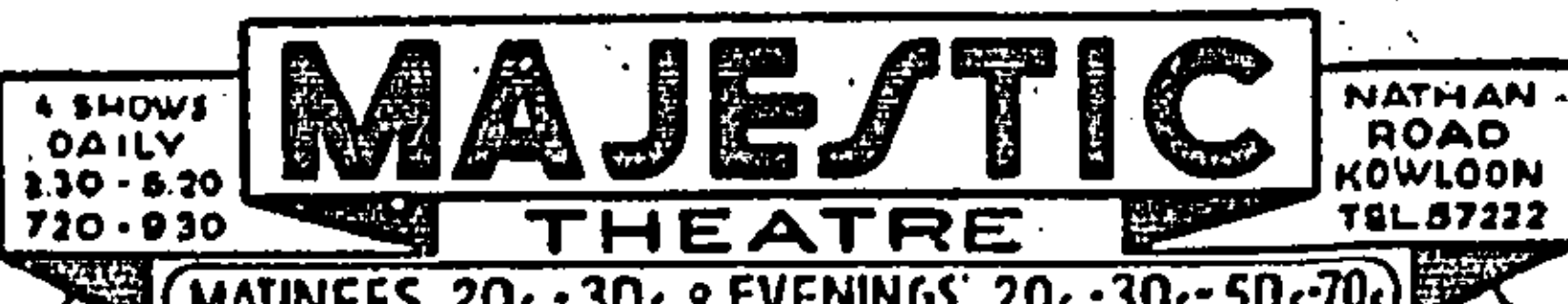
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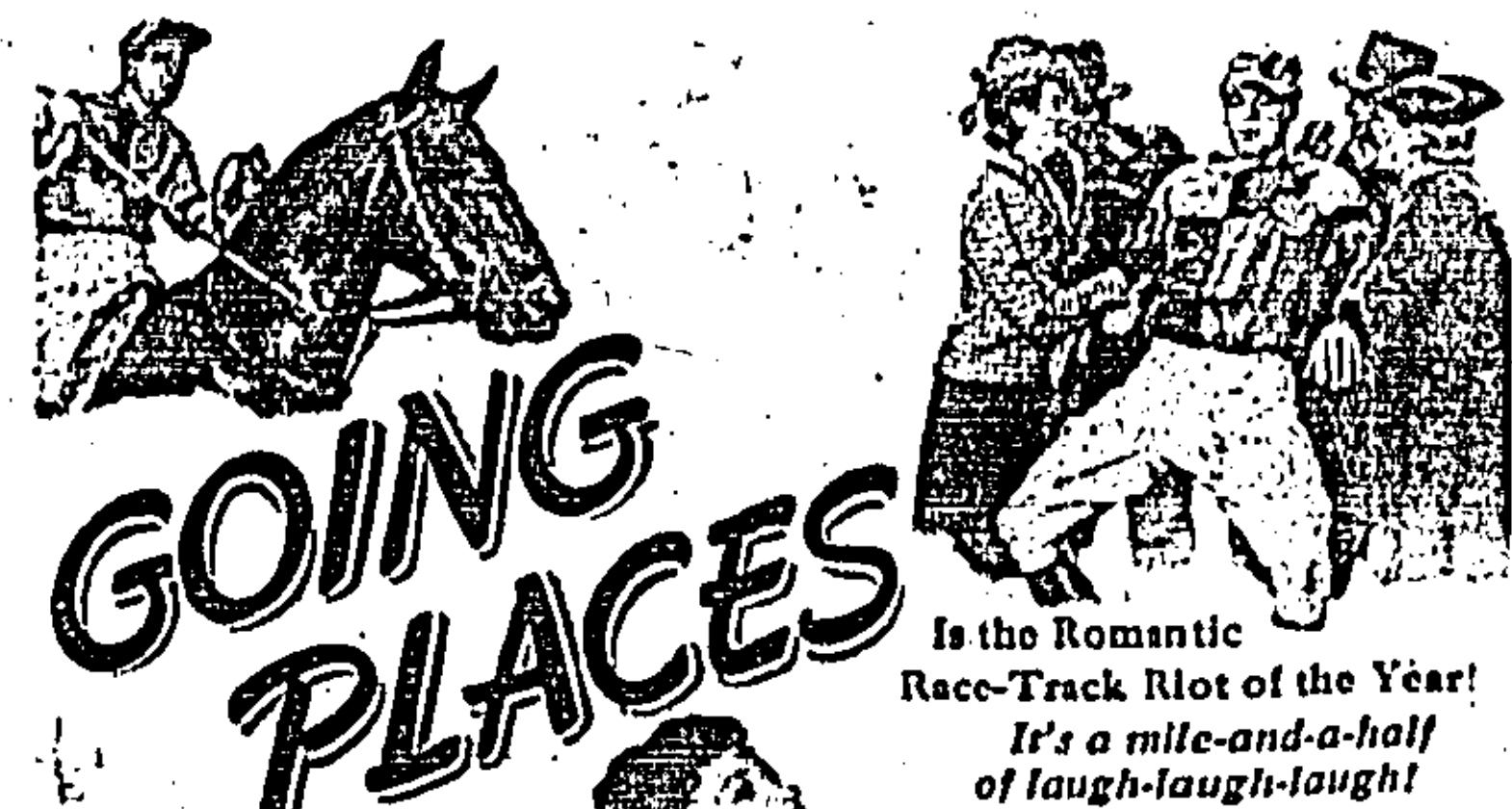
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### U.S. PRESS OPINION

## Nazi Failure In Norway

Lightning Conquest Aim  
A Fiasco

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The "New York Herald Tribune" bureau from Berlin writes: "As far as impressing Italians is concerned, the fighting in Scandinavia has been disappointing to the Nazis. Instead of being over at the end of the first day, it is still going on after nine days. Hitler, instead of being able to show Mussolini a lightning victory in Scandinavia, possibly followed by a similar stroke in another direction, can only point to a conquest which is becoming a military drain on the Reich and whose strategic and economic advantages are dubious." The "New York Times" reporting on Admiral Stark's testimony to the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, says: "In the Admiral's opinion, there is no evidence that the Allies' supremacy on the seas is threatened. Of the naval losses in the war, aircraft have been responsible for only one sinking—the British destroyer, Gurkha. A British super-dreadnought was hit by a bomb from the air but the damage was negligible."

In Favour Of Allies  
The Berne "New Zurcher Zeitung" sums up the situation in Norway in favour of the Allies. "Eight days after the invasion of Norway, it is clear beyond all doubt that the Germans have only partly attained their objects and, after the early successes were achieved with heavy losses, have already suffered a setback," says the paper. The "National Zeitung" compares the official German announcement of a victory after the battle with the similar German communications in the Norwegian campaign. "In future years, there may well be much head-shaking over the German communications of to-day," it says.

## QUEZON WILL VISIT U.S.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MANILA, Apr. 19 (UP).—President Manuel Quezon to-day revealed that he is definitely sailing for his trip to the United States after the plebiscite on the Constitutional Amendment which is scheduled for June 19. He said he intends to campaign in favour of the amendments, particularly for the creation of a bicameral Legislature. Also he said he is definitely not running again for the presidency.

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The Hon. Norman Macleod Rogers, Canadian Minister of National Defence, arrived in England to-day to discuss with members of the British Government the various features of Canada's war effort.



JOE E. BROWN, who has just recovered after being involved in a serious car crash.

## Japan's Super Warships

12 Being Built Says  
U.S. Naval Dept.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, April 18 (UP).—Confirmation that the U.S. Naval Department had received information to the effect that Japan may be building twelve super-battleships of over 40,000 tons each—thus giving her preponderance of battleship tonnage over every Power in the world—was given by Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, to-day.

Admiral Stark was continuing his testimony before the Naval Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate.

### Four This Year

He told the Committee that four Japanese battleships would probably be completed this year. Between two and five additional battleships are expected to join the Japanese navy before the end of 1944. Admiral Stark expressed personal doubts of the report that Japan had twelve battleships under construction.

## Trade Mission For Moscow

BELGRADE, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—A Yugo-Slavian trade mission is leaving here soon for Moscow to discuss a trade treaty between Yugo-Slavia and Soviet Russia. The news of this has come as a surprise to the Yugo-Slavian people.

### LATE NEWS

#### Events In Italy

LONDON, Apr. 19 (Reuter).—Reviewing the general situation this morning, the "Daily Telegraph" writes that while the eyes of man are naturally fixed on the battlegrounds of Norway, events whose significance may or may not be considerable are marching elsewhere. The inimical tone recently adopted by the Italian Press invited the declaration by the Minister for Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, that we should like to know where we stand with Italy. It is to be noted that the Italian Government has hastened to deny the report that the Adriatic port of Bari has been declared a prohibited area, or that fresh Italian troops have been called to the Colours. At the same time, the official propaganda news service in Rome announces that "it is desired by all Italians that nothing should compel them to interrupt constructive labour for destructive warfare." That desire, as far as south-east Europe and the Mediterranean are concerned, is certainly shared by His Majesty's Government, says the "Telegraph."

#### Hardy Survivors

LONDON, Apr. 19 (Reuter).—The British naval survivors who were landed at a certain port included a number of survivors from the destroyer Hardy, which grounded after the naval engagement in Narvik.

#### Japanese Anger

TOKYO, April 19 (Reuter).—A joint conference of the senior officers of the Foreign Office, Army and Navy has agreed to ignore entirely Mr. Cordell Hull's statement on the Dutch East Indies.

At a press conference to-day the Foreign Office spokesman said: "We deem it superfluous to comment on Mr. Cordell Hull's statement."

The Japanese Press reaction to the statement is broadly hostile. The "Asahi Shimbun" declares that the statement savours of unnecessary interference with affairs in the western Pacific.

The "Hochi Shimbun" declares that the statement is intended as a political move to restrain Japan's southward expansion policy.

"The United States should know that such an attempt will only inflame the Japanese people," it declares.

## British Attack On Trondheim Imminent

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 18 (Domet).—Co-operating with the Norwegian forces at Stenokjoer and other nearby towns, the British forces successfully landed at Namsos are now preparing to launch an attack against the German occupation of Trondheim, some 130 miles south, reports reaching here to-day. Embittered encounters between Allied and German forces in the vicinity of Trondheim are imminent, the reports add.

#### Germans Trapped

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 19 (Domet).—Despite German denials it is learned here that the British forces in Norway are rapidly closing in on the Germans from two directions. British naval and aerial operations have been highly effective, and the Germans are now desperately endeavouring to send reinforcements to their troops in Norway.



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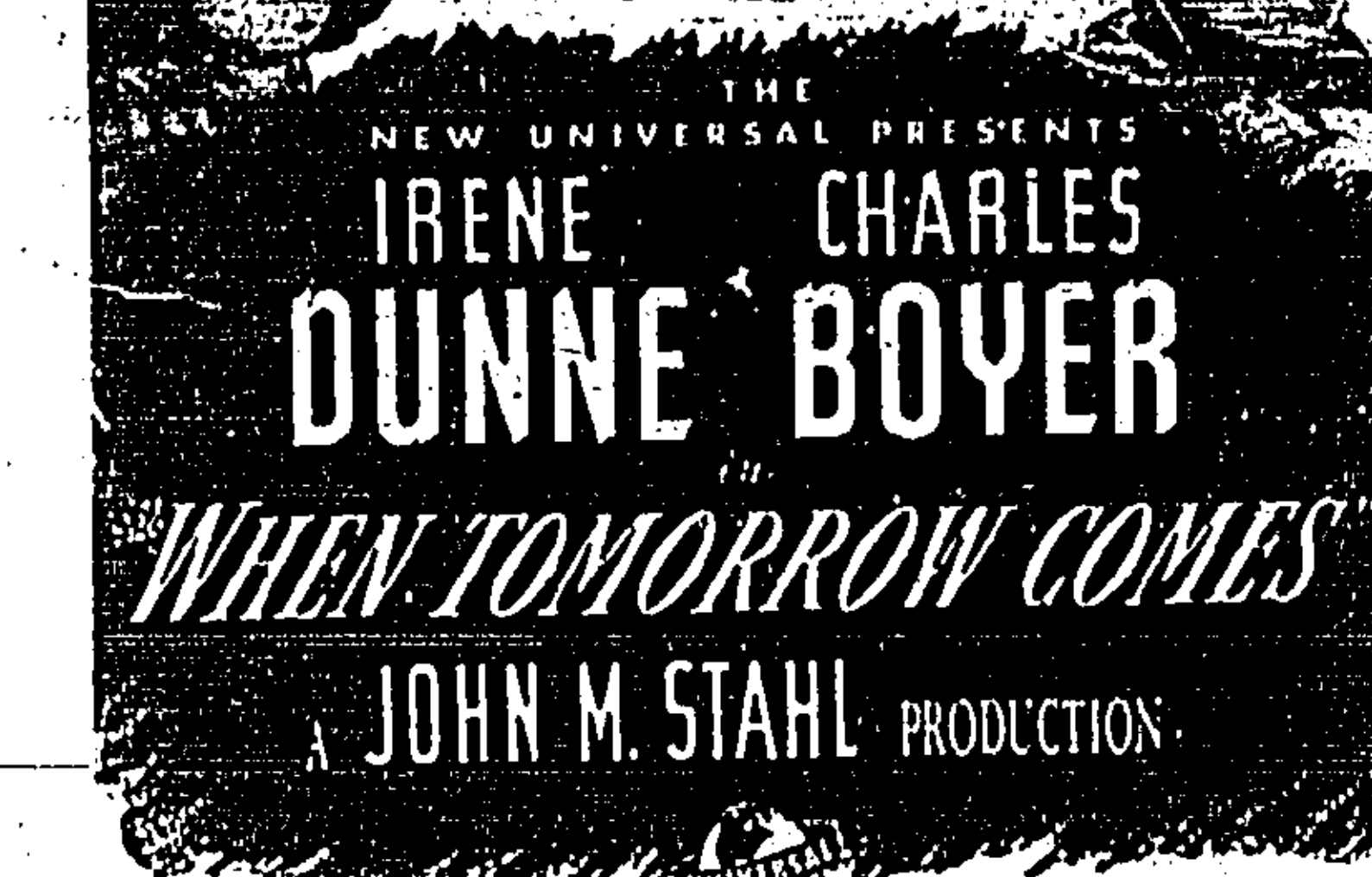


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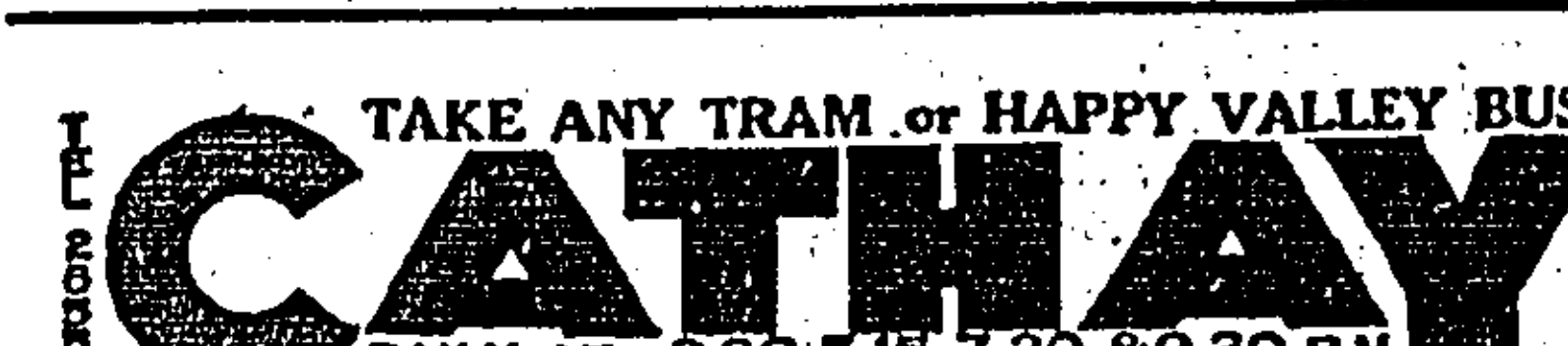
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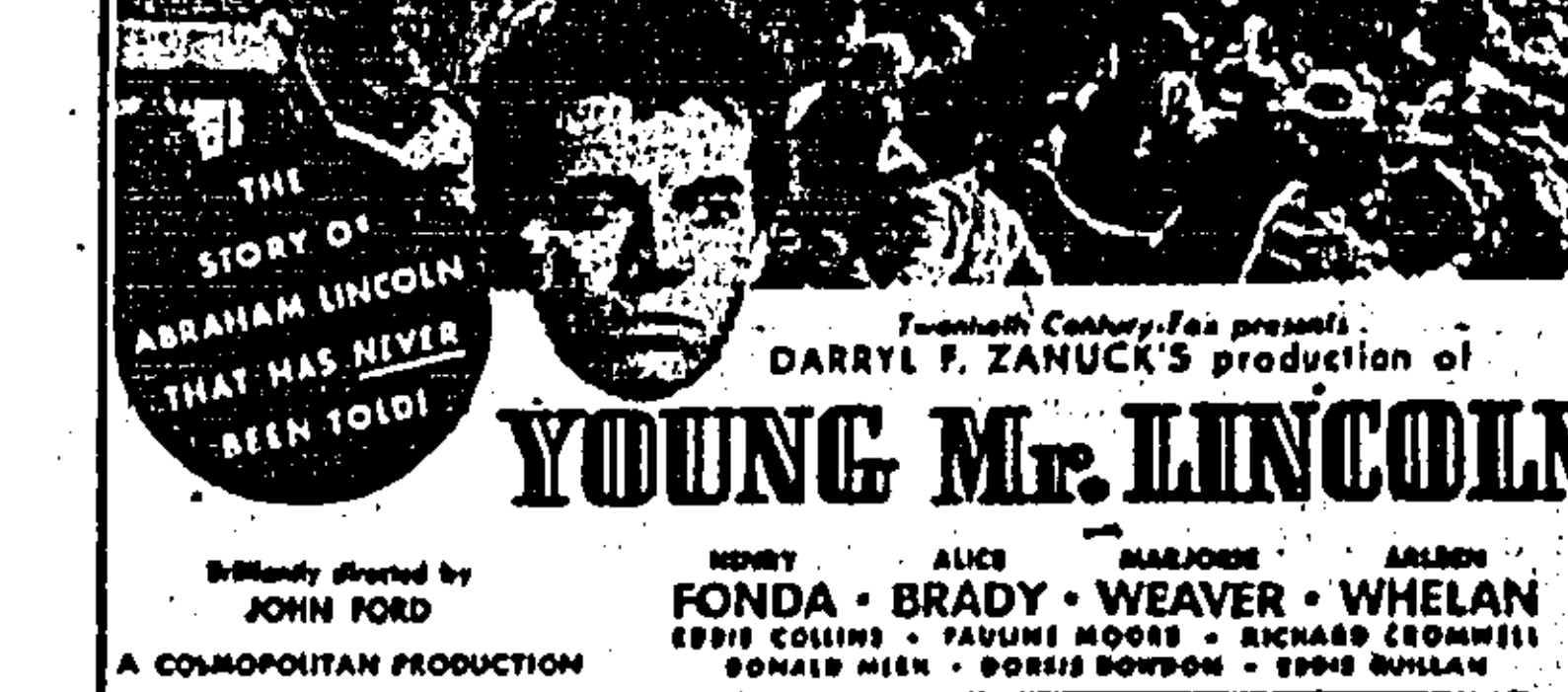
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## 2,250,000 AIR RAID SHELTERS

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